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CHINA SITUATION REVIEWED.

ANXIOUS QUERIES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

BRITAIN NOT SATISFIED WITH NANKING ATTITUDE.

GRAVE BREACHES OF FAITH

The recent serious breaches of faith by the Nanking Government were reviewed in the House of Commons yesterday, when Sir Austen Chamberlain was deluged with questions on China.

Sir Austen expressed himself as far from satisfied with the Nanking foreign policy as indicated in the Declaration recently, while he declared he had not the slightest intention of asking the British Consul-General at Nanking to take up residence on board a warship in order that we might be represented at Nanking. Sir Austen pointed out that the proper thing to do was for the Chinese authorities to restore the Consulate-General in Nanking.

Interference with the Salt Gabelle, and the Postal Administration and the violation of the assurances in the Annexed Rendition Agreement by the appointment of a new President of the Provisional Court in Shanghai, were dealt with at some length, the Foreign Secretary mentioning that strong protests had been made in every instance.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans indicated there is no likelihood of an immediate acceleration of the withdrawal of British troops.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CAPITAL.

London, June 27. China bulked largely in the minds of questioners in the House of Commons to-day, anxiety being felt as to what Britain proposed to do in the event of the capital being transferred from Peking to Nanking.

Sir Austen Chamberlain told the House that a representative of Mr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, had informed Sir Miles Lampson that there was a sharp divergence of opinion in Nationalist circles regarding the wisdom of the proposed transfer.

The question was likely to be fully discussed at the Fifth Plenary Session of the Political Council, which was to be held in the middle of July.

Nothing Doing!

As regards the desirability of having a Consul-General at Nanking, Sir Austen said he was not prepared to instruct him to take up quarters on board a British warship lying off Nanking. The proper thing was for the Chinese authorities to accept their responsibilities and to restore the Consulate-General, which the Nationalists had rendered uninhabitable through looting and occupation.

The Consul-General was now temporarily residing in Shanghai, but he visited Nanking periodically.

Postal Interference.

The interference of the Nationalists with the Postal Administration brought a series of questions to which Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the Diplomatic Body in Peking had lodged protests against the proposed Chinese changes in the Postal Administration, involving curtailment of the powers of the foreign co-Director and the reduction of his staff.

Protests were lodged when the Agreement of February 6th, providing for joint operation of the two sections, by two Chinese Directors was reached between the Peking and the Nanking authorities as regards the Postal Administration, as the agreement was a flagrant breach of the Chinese assurance given at Washington during the 1922 Conference with regard to the status of the foreign co-Director.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was not aware if any proposals had been made to reduce the foreign staff, but the Diplomatic Body was closely watching the situation resulting from the recent developments which included the proposal to abolish the Director-Generalship at Peking, and to transfer the Administration to Nanking.

Nanking Warned.

The Foreign Secretary also referred at some length to the Salt Gabelle, and remarked that Sir

Miles Lampson recently warned the Foreign Minister of the Nanking Government, of the irregularity of the Nanking Salt Administration's orders in regard to the Salt Gabelle revenue.

These orders were sent to the District Inspectors at Tientsin and at Chefoo, directing that as from June 3rd all payments issuable by those officers should be temporarily deposited with various Chinese banks to be taken over by an officer appointed by Nanking. Sir Austen Chamberlain said that these orders entirely ignored the authority of the Foreign-Associate Chief Inspector and were in complete disregard of the procedure laid down in the Reorganisation Loan Agreement for the fulfilment of the obligations secured on the Salt Revenues.

Discussions were now proceeding between the Associate Chief Inspector and the Nanking authorities.

Not Satisfied With Nanking Policy.

Sir Austen said, in reply to another question, that he had seen the Nanking Government Declaration of June 17th, which had references to international obligations.

Sir Austen declared that he was in no way satisfied with the attitude of the Nanking Government in this matter.

Another Breach of Faith.

In regard to the appointment of a youthful new President of the Shanghai Provisional Court, Sir Austen said that the Consular Body were opposing the dismissal of the former President as a violation of the assurance in the Annexed Rendition Agreement that judges will enjoy the immunity and securities of tenure provided for by Chinese law. Yet the Senior Consul at Shanghai was informed on June 16th that the President of the Court had been instructed by the Kiangsu Provincial Government to hand over the duties of his office to a new appointee.

The matter was strongly taken by the Consular Body and discussions were now going on between the Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and the Consulate-General of the United States, Japan, Holland and Great Britain.

Sir Austen thought that all necessary representations have been made by Sir Miles Lampson and the Consuls-General.

Manchuria Situation.

Reviewing the situation in Manchuria, the Foreign Secretary stated that the recent developments were being very closely watched. On June 20th, General Chang Hsueh-liang, the son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who died

DEMOCRATS COME TO BLOWS.

UPROAR AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

POLICE INTERVENE AND USE TRUNCHEONS.

BANNER INCIDENT.

Houston, June 27. There were tumultuous scenes at the National Democratic Convention here to-day, necessitating the intervention of the police.

Various speakers dealt with the revival of the Democratic spirit throughout the land, and they were aided by a chorus of a hundred dark "Jubilee" singers.

The heat was again intense. Fisticuffs occurred among the North Carolina delegation as Governor Smith's supporters, whilst making a "Religious Liberty" demonstration, endeavoured to snatch a banner and make others join in.

Police on the Scene.

The police eventually intervened and broke up the tussle, freely using their truncheons.

The whole hall was in an uproar during this incident.

During the course of the speeches, Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Permanent Chairman of the Democratic Convention, who is backed by Tammany Hall for the Vice-Presidency, uttered a warning against the inclusion of a "wet" plank in the Democratic platform.

Honest Government.

He thrilled the audience with his references to the Teapot Dome scandal, declaring that the Democrats were entitled to make the issue one of honest Government.

Senator Robinson is nominally opposed to Governor Smith on the question of Prohibition, but he is the first Southerner to be nominated for high office on the national ticket since the Civil War.

His inclusion on it, with Governor Smith, if accomplished, is expected to prevent the serious defection led by the Southern "Drys."—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Hoover's Campaign.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, intends to resign his post as Secretary for Commerce before July 15th, in order to devote himself to the Presidential campaign.

The "Keynote Speech."

Houston, Tex., June 27. A violent downpour of rain which rendered the streets impassable, with the result that traffic was hopelessly congested, considerably delayed last night's session of the Democratic Convention.

Eventually Mr. Claude Bowers of New York read the "Keynote speech," outlining the Party's policy and aims and unapologetically denouncing the alleged corruption in the Republican Party. He was greeted with outbursts of frenzied clapping and cheering, the delegates sometimes rising and parading around the hall with banners, screaming and shouting while the bands played appropriate airs.

"Carnival of Corruption."

The speech declared that American Democracy was battling for the Nation's honour against a most brazen and shameless carnival of corruption. It pleaded the claims of the farmers who were sacrificed for high finance, while millions of farms were abandoned. "The auctioneer's hammer knocking down farmlands sounded like a continuous bombardment of a major battle in the West." It denounced dollar diplomacy which it believed was endangering America's markets. "We cannot match a marine with a market against a British or German salesman with a smile."

It declared that the Republican foreign policy had "made us the most distrusted and unpopular nation on the globe."—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW SOVIET PLOT UNEARTHED.

WOULD STRANGLE BRITISH TRANSPORT.

AUSTRALIA SCHEME.

London, June 27. An alleged plot by Moscow to strangle the transport communications of the British Empire is revealed in a letter published in the *Daily Mail* from Mr. Tom Walsh, the Australian Labour leader, to Mr. Havelock Wilson, dated May 19th.

Mr. Walsh, whose wife was Miss Adela Pankhurst, was formerly an extremist, but he has severed his connexion with Labour extremists owing to the gravity of the situation created by Communists at the Australian ports.

The letter declares that the International Seamen's Club recently founded in Sydney is financed by Moscow emissaries, and that the Club is working among the crews of British ships.

The letter quotes what is described as a Soviet Russia order issued to Australia, declaring that "the political interests of the Soviet could at present be best served if transport communications with Great Britain could be disrupted."—*Reuter.*

DRASTIC SENTENCE REVISED.

LOUIS HATVANY SECURES MODIFICATION.

SLANDER ON HUNGARY

Budapest, June 27. Baron Louis Hatvany, the well-known Hungarian writer and politician, on whom some drastic penalties were imposed for his writings abroad, still dissatisfied with the reduction of sentence allowed by the Court of Appeal, carried the case to the Royal Curia, the highest Hungarian Court of Appeal.

After a long hearing, the Court modified the sentence to eighteen months' imprisonment, a fine of £5,400, and the loss of political rights for a period of five years.

He was charged with slandering his country in articles published abroad, in which he criticised the "White" regime in Hungary.

The original sentence, after a trial lasting one day, was seven years' imprisonment, a fine of \$500, the payment of \$17,500 to the Treasury (515,000 pengoes), payment of the costs of the prosecution and the loss of political rights for ten years.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH TRAIN SMASH IN NORTH.

EXCURSION TRIP TRAGEDY NEAR DARLINGTON.

London, June 27. Six were killed and about thirty seriously injured in a collision between an excursion train from Scarborough to Newcastle, and a goods train.

The smash occurred just outside Darlington Station late this evening, and harrowing rescue scenes ensued.—*Reuter.*

Later.

The death-roll is now reported to total ten.—*Reuter.*

THE GREEK TOBACCO STRIKE.

HOPES OF AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.

Athens, June 27. The General Federation of Labour has accepted the Government's offer to mediate in the tobacco dispute, and has nominated delegates to a Committee which will examine the workers' claims.

It is believed that the end of the strike is imminent.—*Reuter.*

MORE WIMBLEDON SURPRISES.

HUNTER CONQUEROR'S POOR EFFORT.

ANDREWS OVERWHELMED BY FRENCHMAN.

AUSTIN OUR ONE HOPE.

London, June 27. Wimbledon was to-day favoured by beautifully fine weather with the result that there was a large crowd present from the start.

Great disappointment was occasioned by the defeat of E. Andrews, the Cambridge Blue, of whom much was expected after his brilliant victory over Francis Hunter.

Andrews met Boussus, the French player, in the first game on the Centre Court, and never approached within a shadow of his form against Hunter. He put up a fair fight for the first set going down 6-4, but the next two went to his opponent in the easiest possible manner.

After Miss Wills had eliminated Miss Goldsack. In the second round of the Ladies' Singles without great trouble, they were followed on the Centre Court by H. W. Austin and Pat Wheatley.

Thrilling British Duel.

These two British stylists gave the brightest exhibition of the day in a thrilling battle, both executing some superb strokes. Wheatley fought terrifically against young "Bunny" Austin, but although he took the second and third sets (both at 6-4) by forcing the pace, he tired rapidly and Austin took the fourth set at 6-2 to become two sets all, and then won the fifth comfortably at 6-1.

Lycett Tired Out.

On the side-courts, the most keenly contested game was that between the Australian farmer Moon and Randolph Lycett, the famous veteran, which went to five sets. Lycett held his opponent in a fierce battle until the fourth set which he won 7-5. Then the strain told and Moon won the fifth set without conceding a game in a hot display of driving.

Some surprise was caused by the defeat of Mrs. Mallory in the first round of the Ladies' Singles. Her conqueror was Miss Bickerton of Australia, who won 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Principal Results.

Men's Singles.—Second Round: Boussus (France) beat E. Andrews (Britain) 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. H. W. Austin (Great Britain) defeated P. Wheatley (Britain) 6-2, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Moon (Australia) defeated R. Lycett (Britain) 9-7, 4-6, 7-5, 6-7, 6-0.

Ladies' Singles: First round: Miss Bickerton (Australia) defeated Mrs. Mallory (U.S.A.) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Second round: Miss Helen Wills (U.S.A.) defeated Miss Goldsack (Britain) 6-2, 6-1.

Miss Jacobs (U.S.A.) beat Miss Eddy (Britain) 6-0, 6-2.

Men's Doubles: First round: Geo. Lott Junr. and Hennessey (U.S.A.) defeated Danet and Gentien (France) 7-5, 7-6, 6-3.

W. Tilden and F. Hunter (U.S.A.) defeated Avery and Higgins (Britain) 6-2, 6-3, 6-0.—*Reuter.*

AN ANNUITY FOR THE EX-SPEAKER.

DEFEAT OF A LABOUR AMENDMENT.

London, June 27. The House of Commons has agreed to a motion by Mr. Baldwin voting to the ex-Speaker, the Right Hon. J. H. W. Whitely, an annuity of £4,000.

Prior to accepting this motion, the House rejected an official Labour amendment, moved by Mr. J. R. Clynes, to make the pension £1,000.

The Liberals supported the Government.—*Reuter.*

BERLIN ESPIONAGE SENSATION.

DANISH OFFICER AND WOMAN ARRESTED.

POSED AS ENGLISHMAN

London, June 27. Considerable prominence is being given in the German and Danish newspapers to a somewhat startling story that a Danish Captain has been arrested in Germany for espionage and that a German girl is in custody likely to be charged with high treason.

The incident is the feature of the press of both countries, and it has been established that Captain Lemborg, a Danish officer, who served in the French army during the War, was arrested a day or two ago at the German bathing resort Sylt.

German official circles are extremely reticent concerning the affair, but according to Reuter's Berlin correspondent it is admitted that Captain Lemborg has been taken in custody on suspicion of espionage.

It is alleged that while in Berlin recently he posed as an Englishman and tried to obtain information in regard to the German Army from a woman typist, with whom he had formed a friendship.

It is stated that the woman has also been arrested and that she will be charged with high treason.—*Reuter.*

NEW LANDRU CASE REVELATIONS.

POLICE HUNTING 60-YEAR SUSPECT.

NEW VICTIM IN SACK.

Paris, June 28. As further facts are brought to light by the Police investigations into the terrible tragedies enacted in the villa at Marseilles, the case assumes closer relationship with the grim story of the notorious mass murderer, Landru.

Every effort is being strained by the detectives in charge of the sensational case to trace a 60-year-old man named Jerome Prat, who is believed to be the man responsible for the crimes.

Prat disappeared on June 15th. He left the villa in a motor-car in which he carried a sack, which is supposed to have contained the body of another victim, the incident having occurred after the suspicions of his neighbours had been aroused by the death cries of the woman who was found strangled on the floor of one of the rooms.

As reported yesterday, Police searches revealed two other murdered women, one buried in the cellar and the other in the chicken-house.

Prat's methods are extremely like those of Landru. He appears to have enticed women to the villa by means of matrimonial advertisements, to have strangled them, or made them drunk, and then murdered them for the sake of their valuable.—*Reuter.*

EVACUATION OF THE RHINELAND.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN ON BRITISH POLICY.

London, June 27. In the House of Commons, the Foreign Secretary was asked whether, in view of the Polish Foreign Minister's recent declaration that future guarantees must be negotiated before the Rhineland is evacuated, he would give an assurance that the Government does not contemplate the grant of further guarantees to the Government of Poland in connexion with the evacuation of the Rhineland.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the Government had repeatedly stated that this country could not give further guarantees of or increase the obligations which it had taken by the Covenant of the League and the Treaty of Locarno.—*British Wireless.*

CHINESE STEAMER SINKS.

"LEE ON" LOST WITH \$30,000 CARGO.

BROKEN PROPELLOR SHAFT CAUSES FLOODING.

ALL ABOARD SAVED.

News was received in the Colon this morning of the sinking of the s.s. Lee On, a Chinese-owned steamer of 1,201 tons gross, while en route from Woo Shek to Canton. The incident took place on Tuesday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. at a point known as Sam Piu Chow, about fifteen miles to the south of Kluak, near the West River entrance.

The vessel had a cargo of 1,100 tons of salt, and there were in all 85 persons on board.

The sinking is believed to have been caused by a broken propeller shaft which struck and tore away a portion of the propeller guard, the latter knocking a large hole in the ship's bottom. Water rushed in rapidly and the work of stopping the inrush was hampered by the fact that the water ballast was located near the hole.

Lifeboats Lowered.

When the engine room became flooded, the Chief Engineer reported to the Captain that nothing further could be done and he advised abandonment of the vessel. The Captain then ordered the lifeboats to be lowered and a good many of the crew and others on the ship took to the boats.

The Captain and the officers remained on the ship, and signalled to a number of fishing junks, two of which later arrived and brought the crew and passengers to Hong-kong.

The ship sank completely out of sight at 7.05 p.m.

Captain's Story.

In an interview with the Captain of the vessel, a *Telegraph* representative obtained the following story, told in the Captain's own words:

"We were on a journey from Woo Shek to Canton and when we reached Sam Piu Chow the propeller jerked violently. A few seconds later the Chief Engineer reported to me that the bottom of the ship had been holed near the propeller shaft and that the ship could not proceed."

"I noticed, on examining the point, that much water was rushing into the ship and because of the water ballast being near the hole, nothing could be done to stop the inrush which was gradually getting worse. I think the boss, or screw of the propeller must have worked loose, and the propeller shaft therefore cracked."

"It is possible that a large fragment of the propeller guard blew off and holed the ship. We had two pumps on board which we taxed to their fullest capacity, but we could not cope with the inrushing water which by this time had reached the lower deck and the engine room. The engineer did all he could and advised me that nothing more could be done and that the ship must sink. I then ordered the lifeboats to be lowered and most of the eighty-five persons on board got into three of the ship's lifeboats."

Ship Abandoned.

"The chief engineer, the chief officer and a few others, including myself, remained on the Lee On, and we managed to signal by means of flags to some fishing junks in the vicinity. Two of these approached the Lee On shortly before 7 p.m. and they told me that I must leave the vessel as they intended to sail off owing to a squall threatening."

"The ship was then abandoned and the fishing junks took over those who were in the lifeboats as well. We stayed in the vicinity until the ship was completely out of sight, this occurring only a few minutes after we had abandoned her. The lifeboats were allowed to drift away as the junkmen could not see their way to take them in tow."

"The squall which the fishermen anticipated held off and we took a direct route for Hong-kong, arriving here some sixteen or seventeen hours later."

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HONGKONG TATTOO.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY ASKED TO HELP

Members of the Philharmonic Society met in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room yesterday to discuss the question of helping with the Tattoo to be held in September, by taking in hand a spectacular scenario. The project was outlined by Mr. J. H. Hunt, and after little discussion a Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the matter with the co-operation of the A. D. C.

The President of the Society, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis was the chairman, other committee members present being: Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., Mr. R. R. Davies, Mr. T. V. Harmon, Mr. D. M. Richards, Mr. R. Dormer and Mr. A. E. Stone. There was a fair attendance of members.

The chairman explained that the Philharmonic Society had been asked to assist at the Tattoo but at the present moment they did not know very much about it. They did not know what they were to be asked to do and he himself could not give them any information. Mr. Hunt, however, who was the secretary of the General Committee, knew what sort of assistance the Society was to be asked to give, and after he had explained what was required, the sub-committee would go into the matter.

Mr. Hunt apologised for the absence of Mr. Sutherland and went on to read extracts from a pamphlet which is to be circulated describing the proposed tattoo and its purposes.

Dealing with a proposed scenario Mr. Hunt remarked that it was written by a Scotsman, so that they would be very near Scotland. He emphasised that it was not cut and dried and they wanted help on the proposal right from the beginning. Any suggestions would be very carefully considered. Most of them were amateurs but they wanted to make it a huge success and he wanted members of the Society to feel that they had as much interest in the Tattoo as anyone else.

Giving an outline of the proposed scenario, which would be altered and adapted as thought fit, Mr. Hunt said it consisted of five episodes. The first was a scene on the border of England and Scotland. Morris dances and Scottish songs. The second episode would be at the "Red Lion" at Ashdale, in Buckinghamshire, at the present day, showing folk enjoying themselves with more Morris dancing and English songs. It portrayed the arrival of the Hunt (Fauling) with hounds and the appearance of the Town Crier, announcing that war had been declared, and making a very strong appeal for recruits. The men would rush to the call leaving the ladies weeping and this would mark the general end of that episode.

Continuing Mr. Hunt explained that the third episode would denote the departure of the troopship, which would bring in the Navy, with bands playing and flags flying. The fourth episode would show the safe arrival of the troopship, and the soldiers in the desert where there would be a fort in charge of Arabs who would at first show friendliness to the British soldiers. They would later show treachery which would make it necessary for the British soldiers to take the fort. That part would be played by the military, continued Mr. Hunt. They would take the fort in true military fashion and the manoeuvres would be well done as the fort would be blown up each night.

The fifth episode would illustrate the return of the troops to the "Red Lion." Then there would be more rejoicing and singing, ending with "Home, Sweet Home."

Scenery and Lights Provided.

Continuing Mr. Hunt said that if the members of the Philharmonic Society thought that they could help the Tattoo, and it was certain that they could, they might appoint a Sub-Committee who would be put in touch with the A.D.C. with whom

they might co-operate. They had no need to bother with scenic effects, the electric lights as the scenery was being looked after by Mr. Geo. Duncan and Mr. Anderson, while the Navy and military would make themselves responsible for the latter. The show would probably be timed to start at half past eight on each of the evenings of the Tattoo in September.

There would be no difficulty with the scenery, and lights, added Mr. Hunt, but it was in actually getting the scenario going—that they required the help of the Society.

In reply to a question by the chairman Mr. Hunt said it was suggested that the scenario should be held for three nights but that, of course, depended on many things. They hoped to seat about 5,000 people.

The chairman said that Mr. Hunt had given them a general idea of the proposal but of course it was in too early a stage to come to any definite decision. He proposed that a Sub-Committee be appointed to enquire into the matter.

In answer to a question as to how many items the Society would be called upon to take part in, Mr. Hunt replied he could not give that information as they were awaiting the result of the meeting. "The Society will not be involved in any expenses," he added.

Sub-Committee Formed.

The chairman repeated his proposal, adding that the committee would be composed of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M. (Musical Director), Mr. R. R. Davies (Hon. Producer), and Mr. T. V. Harmon (Hon. Secretary), and added that the committee should co-operate with the A.D.C. and report back to the full committee as soon as possible. The chairman continued that the Sub-Committee would bear in mind that the Society had a programme for next winter which, of course, they would have to carry through and they could not allow the Tattoo to prevent them from carrying out that programme.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. A. E. Stone and carried.

Mr. Hunt remarked that even if the Society found itself unable to help the Tattoo he asked them for personal assistance. It was, he said, a very big venture with a lot of hard voluntary work. If members could help in any way by interesting their friends, buying tickets or joining committees he would be extremely grateful to them.

Singing Difficulty.

Mr. A. E. Stone asked if Mr. Hunt could say more or less for the benefit of the Sub-Committee, how much help they would be likely to receive from other members of the community. From the present project it would require "pretty heavy singing and we know the difficulty we have had even with a full chorus like 'Merry England' to fill the City Hall, and we all know that singing in the open air is much more difficult." Mr. Fitz-Earle's band was to be well in the front, continued Mr. Stone, and they had to get over that difficulty. (Laughter). There was a very strong probability that the Sub-Committee would find it necessary to call for outside assistance and he (the speaker) asked whether Mr. Hunt could tell them whether they could look for any help in that direction.

Mr. Hunt replied that they were depending on the Philharmonic Society to take the matter in hand. They were much better at that kind of thing.

The chairman thanked those present for their attendance and remarked that they had better leave the matter to the Sub-Committee as he thought no useful purpose would result from present discussion.

On the motion of Mr. Stone, the chairman was thanked for presiding.

Mr. H. J. Bailey, senior physics master at Shrewsbury School, has been appointed headmaster of King Edward VI. Schools, Chelmsford.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

RECEIPTS NEARLY EQUAL EXPENDITURE.

Considering the continued state of unrest in South China and the general trade depression in the Colony throughout the period under review, the railway may be said to have had an unusually successful year; the receipts practically balancing the working expenses, says the annual report of the British Section of the railway.

The disturbed conditions prevailing in the neighbouring Province of Kwangtung caused considerable anxiety at times regarding the safety of through traffic with Canton, and working arrangements with the Chinese Section of the line presented many difficulties owing to the frequent interference of the various Chinese military factions with the working of that Section. The unreasonable attitude of the Canton labour unions, and the ever-present danger of molestation by bandits who successfully broke the track and pillaged local trains on more than one occasion, all added to the trouble of the Chinese Section officials.

Notwithstanding these adversities, a thorough service of trains between Kowloon and Canton was maintained throughout the year, one express and one slow train being run through each way per day during the first half of the year, when arrangements between the two Sections were concluded for British engines to haul the express trains all the way to Canton.

Amicable Relations.

On June 1, for the first time since the line was opened, a British engine hauled a train through to Canton. This event resulted in further co-operation between the two Sections, and from the 20th June onwards two express trains each way daily (with one or two isolated exceptions) were run, hauled by British engines, doing the journey of 111 miles in 8 hours and 45 minutes. These trains were run punctually to time and gave general satisfaction to the travelling public with whom the route gained an established popularity.

It is pleasing to record the very amicable relations existing between the British and Chinese Sections of the line, which so greatly facilitated the above, and all other working arrangements, thereby enabling a really sound train service to be maintained in the face of many obstacles to the mutual benefit of both Sections as well as the community.

The inauguration of a regular and punctual service of express trains seems to have marked a new era in the history of the railway, and it is confidently anticipated that in the near future, improvements on the Chinese Section to the track and rolling stock will enable these through services to be greatly improved in speed and comfort.

Troops Increase Traffic.

The arrival during February and March of various units of the Shanghai Defence Force resulted in considerable additional activity on the line, as until billets were prepared for the influx of troops, the railway was called upon to convey large numbers to camps in the New Territories. In the short space of five weeks, about 5,000 men with their equipment were transported onwards, and by the 2nd April all had been returned. This placed a great strain on traffic resources, particularly the provision of coaching stock, but with the generous co-operation of the Military Headquarters all difficulties were successfully overcome.

A typhoon on the 20th August caused all traffic movements to be suspended from 10.30 a.m. till 6 p.m. when it was found possible to

resume working, and being in trains which had been standing all day at various points on the line. The financial results of the year, however, were again experienced, as uninterrupted communication with all parts of the line was possible throughout the year.

The motor coaches rendered useful service in running golfers' trains on Sundays, thereby effecting economy in locomotive power. From April 11 to December 20, they were also utilised in an endeavour to meet repeated requests from golfers for an additional afternoon train out and a late train back. These trains were discontinued after the latter date for lack of support.

Expresses to Canton.

The Railway workshops were kept extremely busy especially since the decision to haul the through express trains to and from Canton by British Section engines.

In order to do so successfully it was first necessary to alter the watering system to permit the run through to be made without stopping for water en route.

Alterations were made to six engines to enable them to be coupled to water tanks built in 30-ton covered goods wagons hauled behind them. These wagons were fitted with 6,000 gallons capacity steel tanks and flexible hose couplings for this purpose, and the arrangement proved highly successful.

This additional train haulage made it necessary to introduce a night shift of staffs to maintain this express engines in a constant state of efficiency. To the end of the year, 723 of these express trains were hauled to and from Canton, a mileage of approximately 85,000, and on only four occasions were they late owing to engine trouble, two of these delays being attributable to bad coal.

Accounts Show Up Well.

It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding the adverse conditions prevailing in the Colony and South China, the Revenue account shows that operating expenditure exceeded revenue only by the small amount of \$2,844.56, compared with heavy differences in previous years, indicating an improvement which it is hoped may be maintained.

Had it been possible to include in the Revenue Account the sum of \$9,784.58 in respect of transport of Government passengers travelling on duty and other services rendered, also ordinary fares for railway tickets issued to scholars free, the revenue would have exceeded the working expenses for the first time since the adoption of the new system of accounts.

The results of the past five years were as follows:

Year	Gross Receipts	Working Expenses	Net Receipts
1923	474,721.73	525,513.13	45,791.25
1924	420,186.15	507,514.42	87,588.27
1925	430,578.51	525,901.49	89,883.15
1926	538,944.78	658,787.50	101,743.67
1927	718,424.85	716,769.41	2,644.56

Debits in respect of demurrage and hire of stock for the first eleven months, were accepted by the Administration of the Chinese Section, and the accounts adjusted accordingly. The Claims for Suspension of Traffic, however, were not accepted, and the total outstanding at the end of the year was \$993,449.

At Portsmouth the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Osmond Brock, and the Mayor, Conello, Privett, laid wreaths at the Naval War Memorial and the City Cenotaph in commemoration of the anniversary of the Battle of Jutland.

With the death of Mr. R. T. Thornton, 76, Eastbourne has lost a well-known public man, who, during the war, resigned from the town council and drove an ambulance in France.

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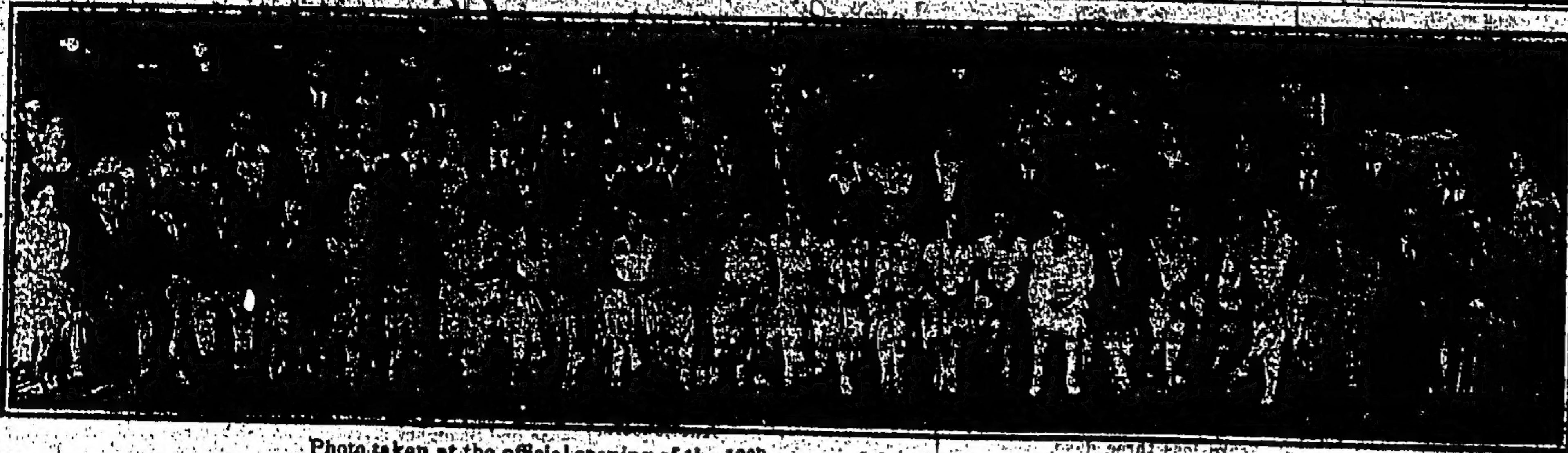
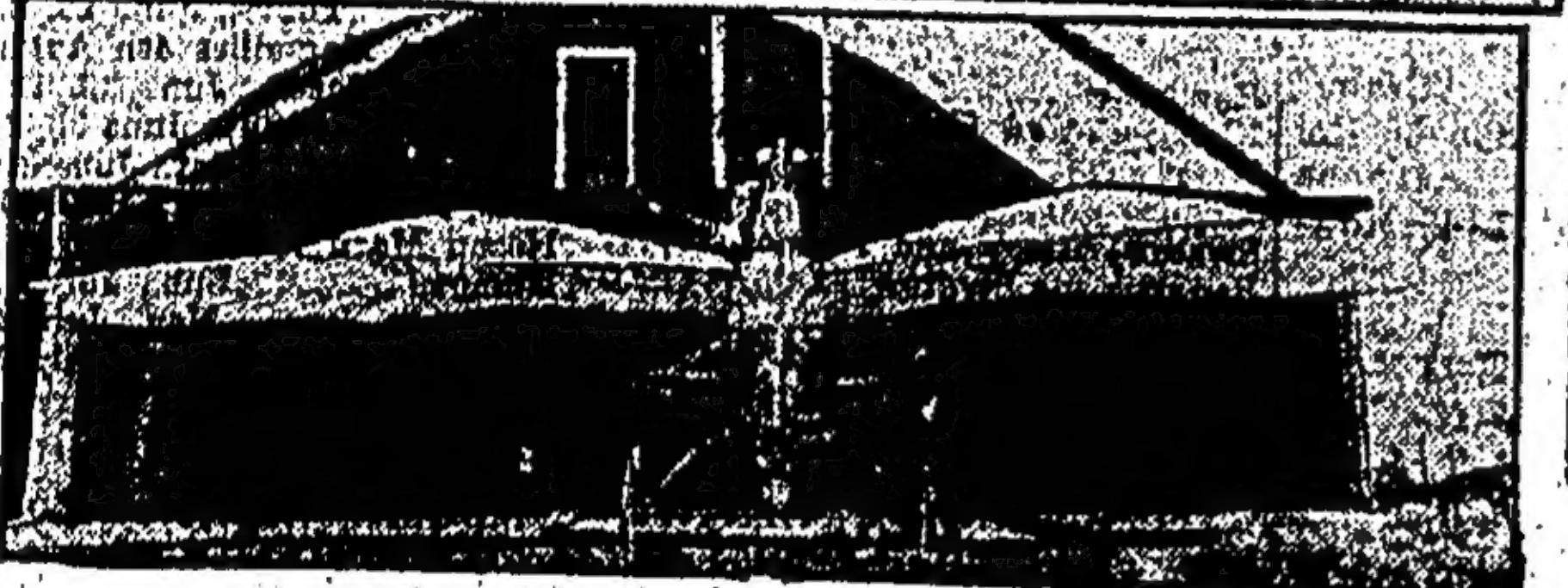
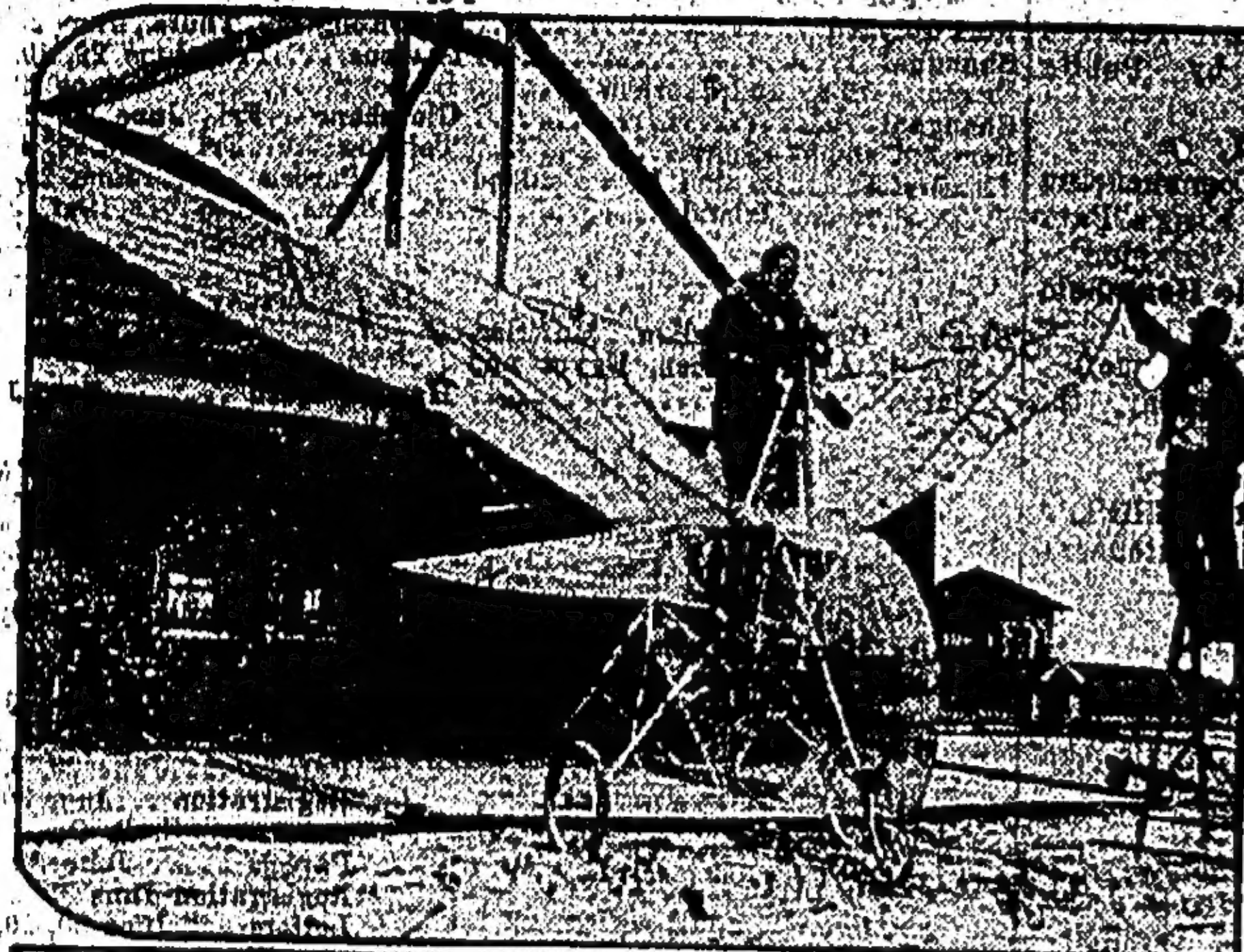


Photo taken at the official opening of the 1928 season of the Shanghai Police Recreation Club.



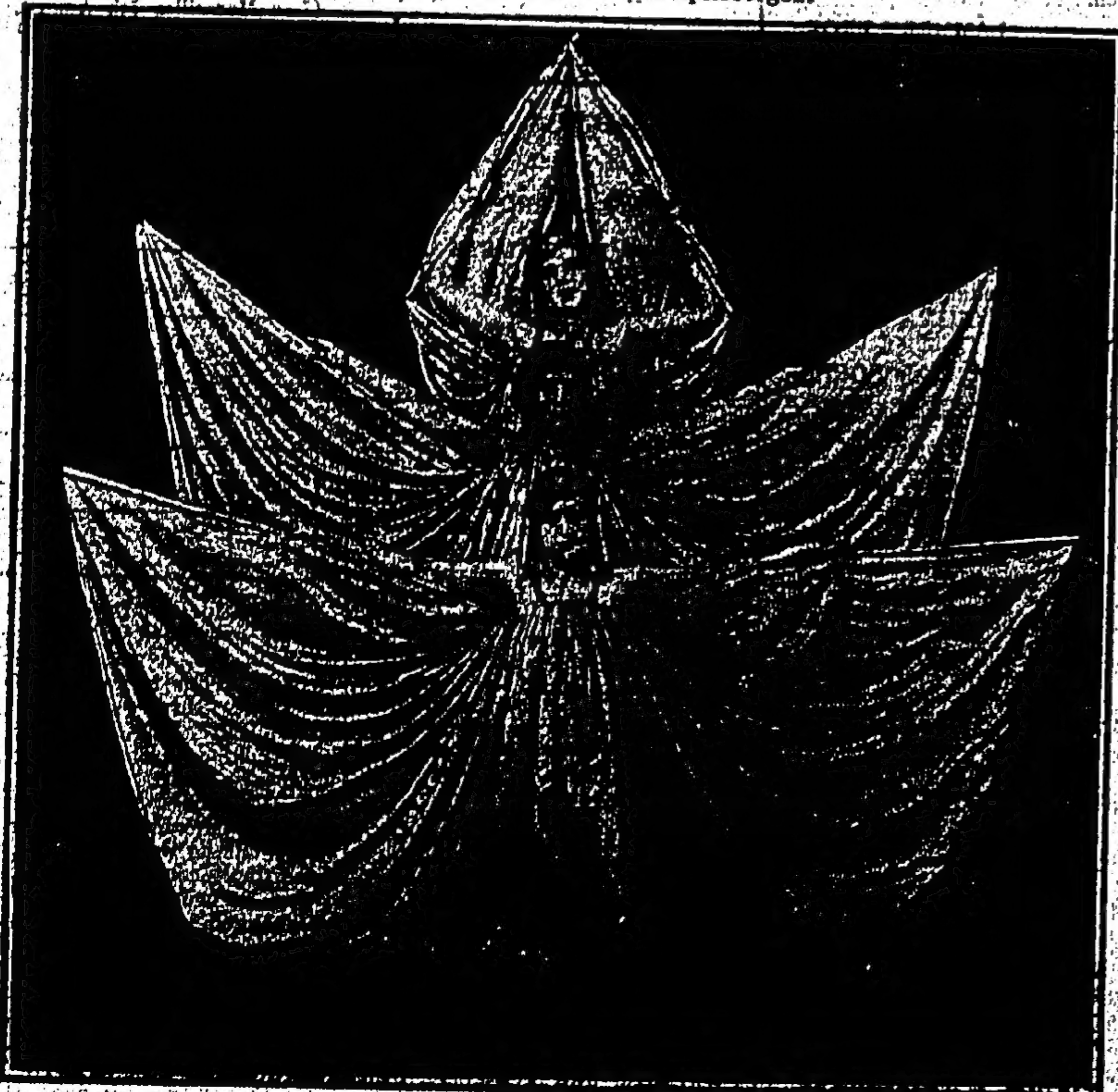
Here are three photographic studies of the an extraordinary flying machine called an ornithopter in which the designer, Mr. George R. White, hopes to be able to fly from Florida soon. The picture at the right shows one of the wings in detail. White is standing on top of his machine at the upper left.



A new picture of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of United States Supreme Court, who although 87, is still on the active list.



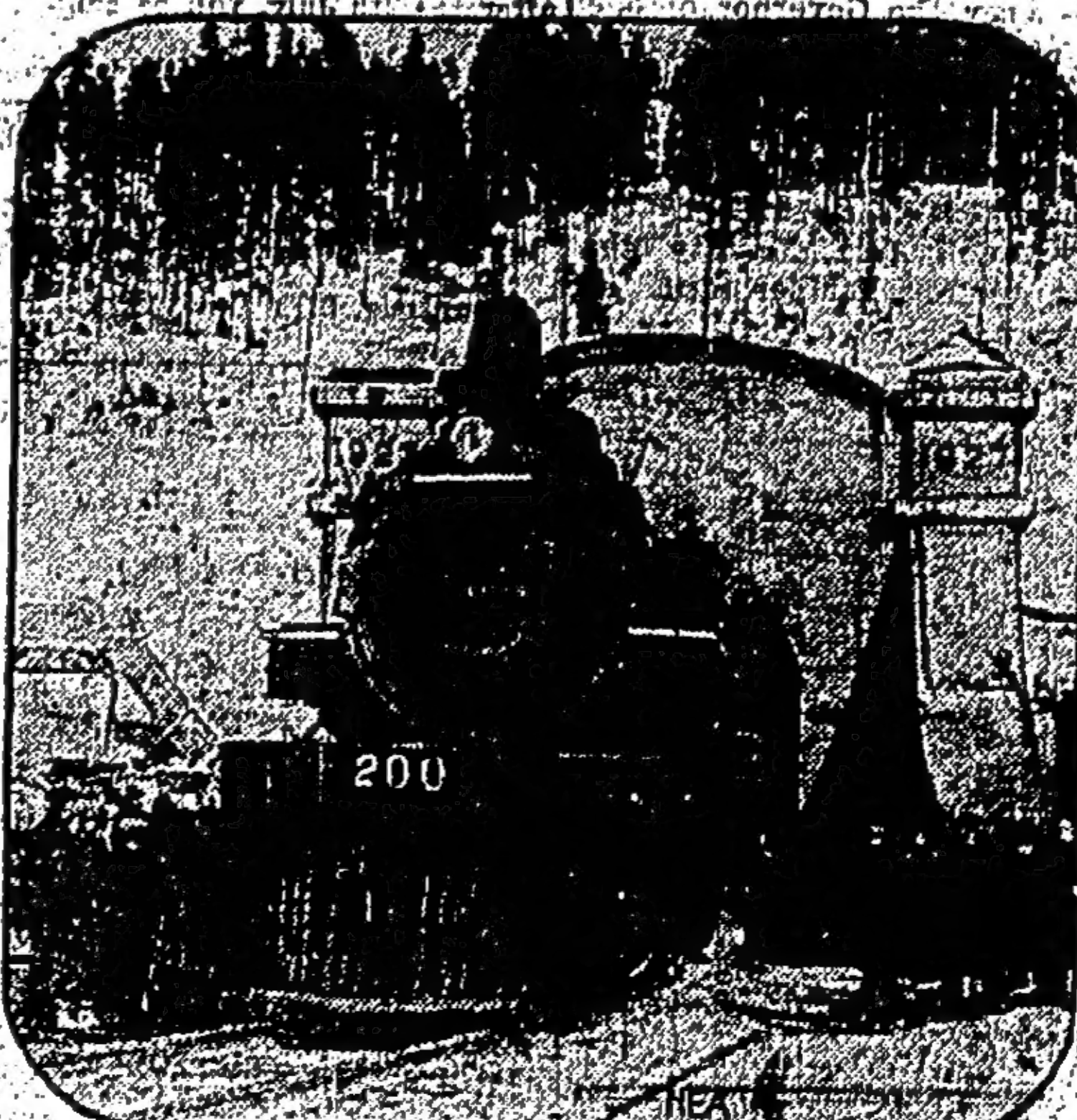
Captain now Sir George G. H. Wilkins (right), the Australian Arctic Explorer, and his American-Norwegian pilot, Lt. Carl B. Eielson, taken after their wonderful flight in a small aeroplane from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitsbergen.



A striking dance entitled "The Moths" given at the Carlton Cafe, Shanghai recently.



A scene "Beware of Married Men," a new Irene Rich production which has been warmly praised.



With the recent opening of the six-mile Moffat tunnel through the Continental Divide, an engineering dream of 30 years ago was realized. The tunnel is the longest in the United States and cuts 25 miles off the actual journey across the divide. Our picture shows an engine emerging from the tunnel, drawing the first passenger train.

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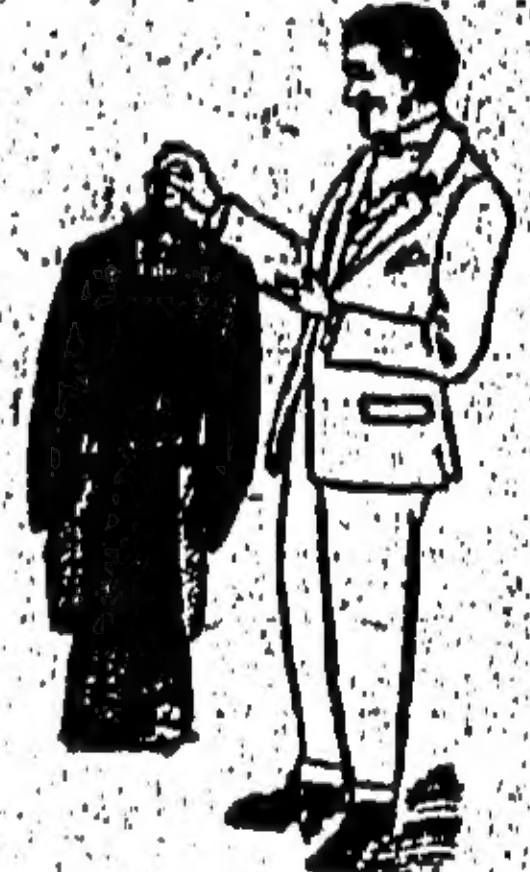
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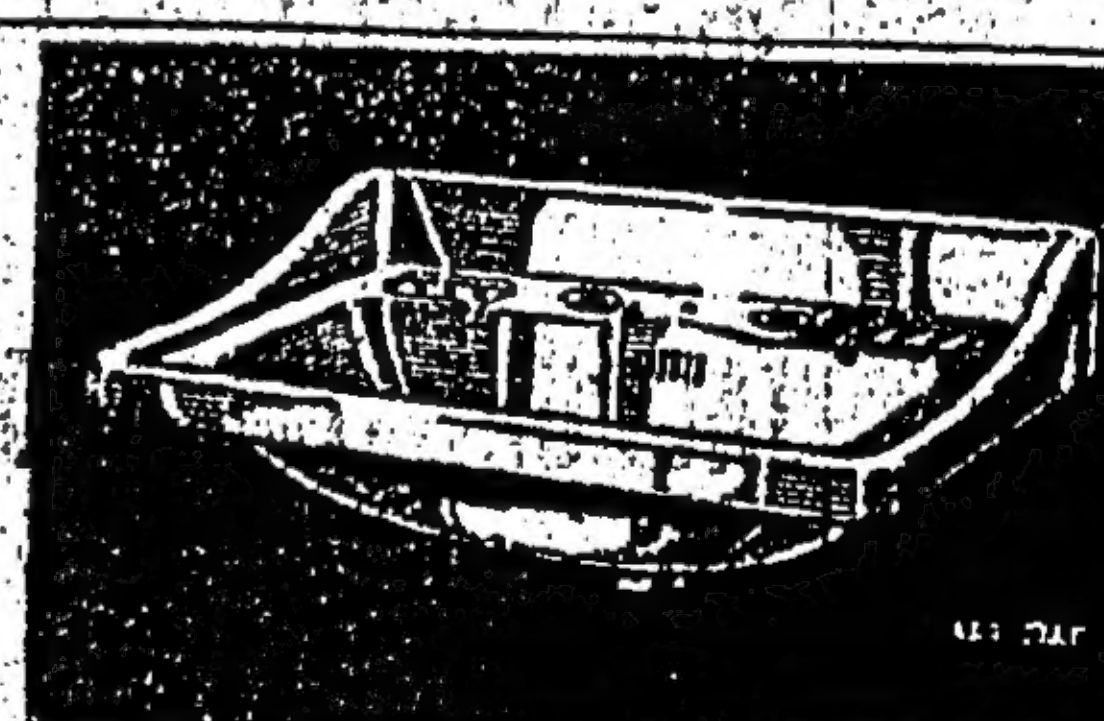
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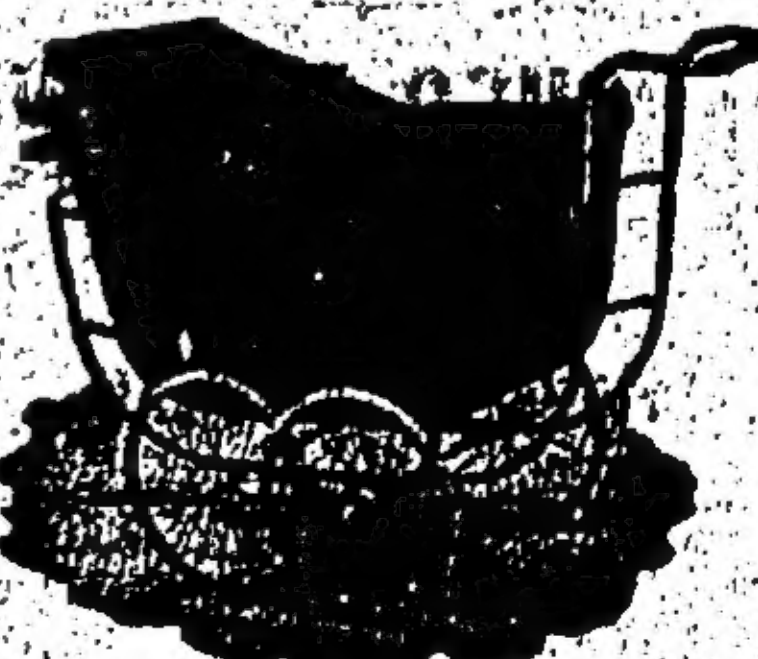
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New Advertisements.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the 2nd July.
Hongkong, 28th June, 1928.

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB.

All members and their friends are invited to the dance on 30th June commencing at 9 p.m. If inclement, a whist-drive will take place in the club house.

CHAN TONG alias CHAN TSZE U DECEASED.

late of 18B, McDonnell Road and The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

Creditors of the above-named deceased are requested to send their claims as soon as possible to the under-signed.

JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors, &c.,
Prince's Building,
Hongkong, 26th June 1928.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st July, 1928, to the 10th July, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 16th June, 1928.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 191.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for stone quarry at the junction of Boundary Street and the junction of Quarry Street and Lai Chi Kok Road, Shamshuipo," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon on Monday, the 9th day of July, 1928, for the occupation for a period ending 31st December, 1929, from the date of notification of acceptance of tender of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about 3.95 acres, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 22nd June, 1928, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.

Hongkong, 22nd June, 1928.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of July, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in feet equal to Acreal.	Upset Price.
			N. S. E. W.		
			feet feet feet feet		
			As per sale plan.		
				7.40	\$11.00

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Defendants summoned at Abercrom (Mon.) for the non-payment of income tax had a pleasant surprise, as no one appeared to prosecute for the income tax authorities, and the cases were dismissed.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of July, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1928, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years less three days.

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				18.500	\$28.25

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of July, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Morrison Hill in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period. No claims will be admitted after the 4th July, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**
Agents,
Hongkong, 27th June, 1928.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in feet equal to Acreal.	Upset Price.
			N. S. E. W.		
			feet feet feet feet		
			As per sale plan.		
				4.00	\$6.00

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THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 25th June, 1928.

Lammert's Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **FRIDAY, the 29th June, 1928, commencing at 10.15 a.m.** At No. 26, Carnarvon Road, First floor, Kowloon,
A Quantity of Household Furniture.
(Particulars from Catalogue.)
On View on Day of Sale.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **FRIDAY, the 29th June, 1928, commencing at 11 a.m.,** at No. 2, King's Park Building, Austin Road, Kowloon,
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.
(Particulars from Catalogue.)
On view from Thursday, the 28th June, 1928.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **SATURDAY, the 30th June, 1928, at 12 o'clock Noon** at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **WEDNESDAY, the 4th July 1928, at 12 o'clock Noon,** at No. 121, Des Voeux Road, West, Ground Floor,
The Goodwill, Signboard, Machinery, Rice Mills, and Accessories thereto belonging or attached, Fixtures, Furniture, Chattels and Things in and upon the premises of the Tai Yau Fung Firm of Nos. 119 and 121, Des Voeux Road, West, and
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C.C.C. Canton No. 1.	1 Cask	Floor tiles "City of Bedford"	18.7.25.
D.B.C. Nos. 112/23	12 Cases	Wood n toys "City of Durban"	21.4.26.
S. C. Co. Nos. 1/6, 10/20, 1, 4/6.	21 Cases	Chips & games "City of Corinth"	18.8.26.

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THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 25th June, 1928.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Japan	St. Albans	June 28.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Helenus	June 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	June 29.
Shanghai	Novara	June 29.
Europe via Negapatam, letters only	Hong Kong	June 29.
London 31st May	Sphinx	June 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai	Pres. Polk	June 30.
Shanghai	Sinking	June 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai	Pres. McKinley	July 1.
Manila	Pres. Taft	July 2.
Europe via Negapatam, papers only	Audlohus	July 2.
London 1st May	Sphinx	July 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	July 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai	Paul Lecat	July 3.
Saloon	Khyber	July 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	July 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Aratara	July 9.
Australia and Manila	Aratara	July 9.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Fort Bayard	Sun Kong	Thurs., June 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Glauco	Fri., June 29, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halbong	Fri., June 29, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Taining	Fri., June 29, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Parola	June 29, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	St. Albans	Sat., June 30, 8.15 a.m.
via Thursday Island	Registration	8.15 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 15th July.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Sat., June 30, 3 p.m.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	3 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	2.45 p.m.
	Letters	3.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 30th July.)	

*Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *E. & S. Africa, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles

From	Per	Date
Novara	K. P. O.	Sat., June 30, 1.30 p.m.
Parola	G. P. O.	June 30, 9 a.m.
Parola	G. P. O.	June 29, 5 p.m.
Registration	G. P. O.	June 30, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	G. P. O.	June 30, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 4th August.)		
Thurs., June 28, 2.30 p.m.		
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Soochow	Sat., June 30, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Pres. Polk	Sat., June 30, 5 p.m.
Manila	Hozan Maru	Sun., July 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kiangsu	Sun., July 1, 9 a.m.
Saloon and South Africa	Sinking	Mon., July 2, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Manila Maru	Mon., July 2, 9 a.m.

Pres. Taft

From	Per	Date
Parola	Parola	Mon., July 2, 10 a.m.
Registration	Parola	Mon., July 2, 11.15 a.m.
Letters	Parola	Noon.
(Due San Francisco 25th July.)		
Klungchow	Klungchow	Mon., July 2, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

From	Per	Date
Sphinx	K. P. O.	Tues., July 3, 10 a.m.
Registration	K. P. O.	Tues., July 3, 10 a.m.
Letters	K. P. O.	Tues., July 3, 10 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 4th August.)		
Registration	K. P. O.	Tues., July 3, 11.45 a.m.
Letters	K. P. O.	Tues., July 3, 12.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 4th August.)		
Paul Lecat	Paul Lecat	Tues., July 3, 1.30 p.m.
Kumsang	Kumsang	Tues., July 3, 2.30 p.m.
Parola	Parola	Tues., July 3, 2.30 p.m.
Letters	Parola	Tues., July 3, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., July 3, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Tues., July 3, 4.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

From	Per	Date
Parola	Parola	Wed., July 4, 5 p.m.
Registration	Parola	Wed., July 4, 5 p.m.
Letters	Parola	Wed., July 4, 5 p.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 5th July.)		
Kwatsang	Kwatsang	Wed., July 4, 10.30 a.m.
Hinchow	Hinchow	Wed., July 4, 2.30 p.m.
Tjinalak	Tjinalak	Wed., July 4, 2.30 p.m.
Teau	Teau	Thurs., July 5, 8.30 a.m.
Van Herten	Van Herten	Thurs., July 5, 10 a.m.
Chenau	Chenau	Thurs., July 5, 10.30 a.m.
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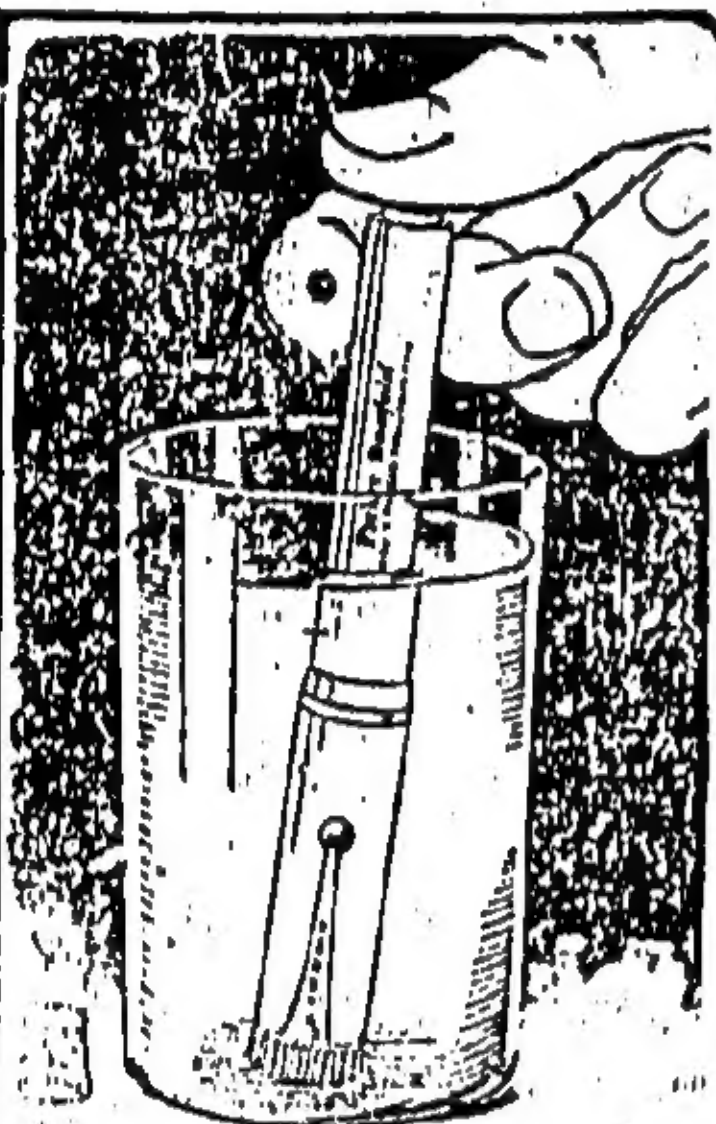
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BAD MANNERS AT GUILDHALL LUNCH.

FLOWERS SNATCHED FROM ROYAL TABLE.

The Lord Mayor has administered a public reproof to those of the guests at the recent Guildhall luncheon to the King of Afghanistan who, after the departure of the Royal party, indulged in a flower snatching scramble.

During the time that the Royal visitors were actually leaving some guests took the opportunity to appropriate flowers, at first mainly carnations and tulips, from the general tables.

Apparently, it was not long before they realised that the most magnificent of the blooms had been lavished upon the top table, where the scheme of decoration, consisting chiefly of expensive orchids, had cost £100. The scene which then occurred has been described as "an undignified scramble."

At the luncheon given early this month to Sir Percy Vincent, Chairman of the Committee responsible for the arrangements at the Guildhall luncheon, the Lord Mayor said that such a scene must not occur again.

Sent to Hospitals.

"The practice of taking away flowers from Corporation luncheons and dinners, as well as from City Company dinners, has existed for some time," Sir Percy Vincent remarked to a reporter.

"It is time it was stopped," he added, "and I am glad the Lord Mayor has made so pointed a reference to it. After a Corporation luncheon or dinner the flowers from the tables are usually sent to the hospitals."

Mr. R. F. Felton, the florist who was responsible for the decorations at the luncheon to the King and Queen of Afghanistan, said that he had been asked to procure every unique specimen of the orchid which could be bought for the occasion.

"People do not seem to realise that at a City function the decorations do not belong to them, but to the Corporation."

"THE CANADIAN."

SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S STORY FILMED.

Surrounded by an excellent cast, Thomas Meighan arrives at the Star Theatre to-day in a new picture "The Canadian," a story taken from the novel by William Somerset Maugham. Advance reports as to the picture, state that Meighan enacts a remarkably strong character in a fitting manner, and that "The Canadian" is his best picture to date. Briefly, the story tells of a love affair which nearly went by the rocks, because, for the woman, it was more a marriage of convenience than anything else. And how, when the man had forced her to respect and almost love him, a terrible storm came to wipe all their possessions away. And then, with disaster staring them in the face—well—why not be fair to yourself, and see "The Canadian."

"THE BELOVED ROYAL"

TO-DAY AT THE WORLD THEATRE.

Symbolical motion picture settings, reflecting with rare fidelity the sentiment and tempo of the action, shown against the various backgrounds, are achieved in John Barrymore's big production, "The Beloved Rogue," which comes to the World Theatre as the chief attraction from to-day until Saturday. The story concerns the adventures of Francois Villon, the greatest French poet of his time. He was a man of greatly diversified pursuits, not the least of his accomplishments being skillful thievery. "The Beloved Rogue" reveals John Barrymore in a characterisation that is in sharp contrast with anything he has previously attempted, and is perhaps, the most charmingly romantic role of his screen career.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Open-Work Hats.

HAIR-HEALTH AIDED BY FASHION.

Modern millinery, which fits closely to the head, has been subjected recently to vigorous denunciation by the medical world. Smart tight-fitting hats are declared to be thoroughly unhygienic, the cause of headaches and defective circulation, and to lead in time to the baldness that has long been the unhappy lot of men who have always worn close-fitting hats.

Paris, which seemingly paid no attention to those and other serious charges arraigned against its choicest productions, has been quietly at work evolving the perforated hat, which, while retaining all the smartness of fit which shingled women demand yet admits of perfect ventilation.

Drawn Thread Work.

The new open-work hats are peculiar to a single house but are being advanced by a number of the leading fashion houses, each of which has its own distinctive solution to offer for the summer season.

The introduction of drawn thread work into straw is a trimming is one favourite device, the designs being much on the lines of the embroidered decorations that have been applied to table linen.

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Hot Days and Health.

WHEN ICED DRINKS ARE HARMFUL.

[By Dr. Estelle Cole.]

In summer the physical organism is not called upon to manufacture the same amount of heat for its well-being as in winter, so that the diet can be discreetly changed.

As far as food is concerned, away with the steaming puddings and pies!

Watercress is of particular value. The old-fashioned dandelion salad, and even young nettle leaves—beloved of our great-grandmothers as complexion beautifiers—should be sought after. Steamed spinach is famed for its health-giving properties. In fact, all green vegetables and fruit contain the necessary vitamins C. These are antiscorbutic in nature. Fruit contains chiefly sugar and water, both so needful to the system. It should be partaken of freely.

Beverages.

Coming next to beverages, quantities of fluid are necessary in hot weather, and are essential to the well-being of the body. Most people err in this respect, and limit their liquid to such an extent that their internal work-

ribbons or strips of felt, or in all three together are another method. Broderie Anglaise is also used, and with particular success in the case of the small moulded helmets that many women still like. Insertions of dyed lace in the crowns of felt hats are yet another manifestation of the more air vogue in smart hats.

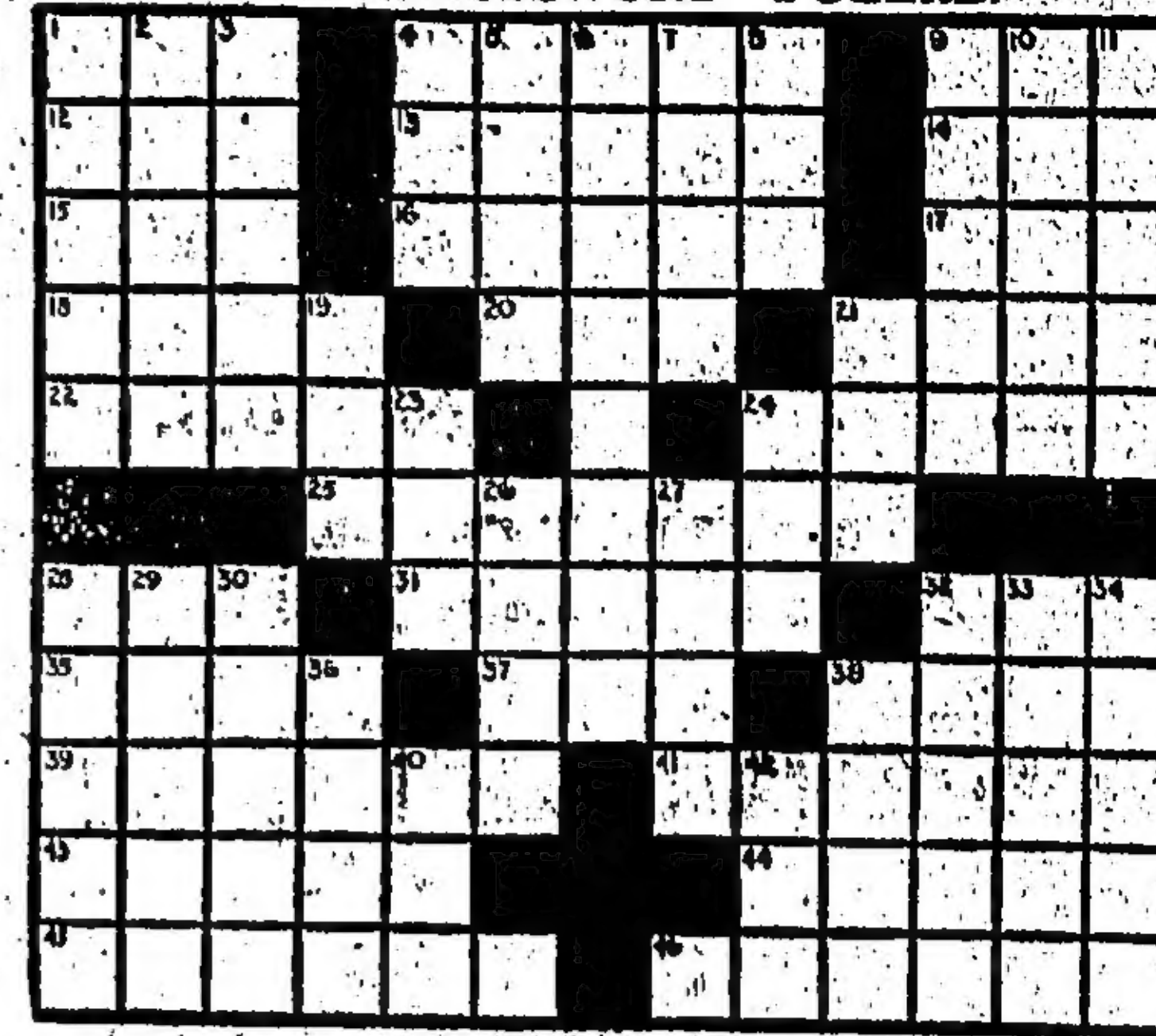
ings are thrown out of order. Fluid through the pores rid the skin of some of the waste products of the system in the form of perspiration. Moreover, it helps internal sanitation by flushing out the various organs. Increased fluid is also necessary to maintain the balance in the system, since the skin is so much more active. It can be taken in the form of fruit juices and water by those who do not care for the pristine Adam's ale.

Iced drinks should not be indulged in when one is overheated. The difference in temperatures is so great between the iced drink and the internal heat of the body that internal disturbances are apt to occur. Warm beverages meet the purposes of Nature much better. They assist evaporation by opening the pores of the skin, and so really cool the system more than a cold drink.

Finally, clothing is important. That which is worn in contact with the skin should be the first consideration. The choice lies between silk, fine wool, and cotton. Silk and wool are the best absorbents and are the most hygienic. Cotton becomes damp and produces a chilliness which is both unpleasant and harmful. It does not favour the interchange of gases (necessary for health) between the skin and the outside air, and therefore is not so healthful as either silk or wool.

Further, the danger of leaving off clothing and sitting in draughts to get cool must not be overlooked. Through this procedure the superficial blood-vessels are rapidly cooled, and the blood is driven into the internal vessels, which become suddenly overfull, and are unable to cope with the extra work put upon them. This is the surest way to sudden internal troubles in summer.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1 Fluid in a tree.
- 4 Pertaining to the poles.
- 10 Boy.
- 12 Eon.
- 13 To elude.
- 14 Constellation.
- 15 Mover's truck.
- 16 Lukewarm.
- 17 Wooden peg.
- 18 Egg-shaped figure.
- 20 Egg of a louse.
- 21 Broad.
- 22 To robroaden.
- 23 Fronts.
- 24 Argued.
- 25 Fish caught off New England coast.
- 31 Shiny silk.
- 32 Eucharistic vessel.
- 35 Imitates.
- 37 Corded cloth.
- 38 One who overvalues money or social position.
- 39 Converse.
- 41 Ironie essay.
- 43 Imbued.
- 44 To intrigue.
- 45 Ringworm.
- 46 To gratify.

Vertical.

- 1 Flavour.
- 2 Common century plant.
- 3 Pertaining to punishment.
- 4 To fondle.
- 5 Baker on a stove.
- 6 To kill by stoning.

7 Entrance.

- 8 Carmine.
- 9 Overpowering fright.
- 10 To wear away.
- 11 Storms.
- 12 Boy.
- 21 Soft mass.
- 22 Affirmative.
- 23 Boggy land.
- 26 Poet.
- 27 Tilt.
- 28 Unit of weight for precious stones.
- 29 To think.
- 30 Opposite of credit.
- 32 Tropical tree.
- 33 Ethical.
- 34 White poplar tree.
- 36 To season.
- 38 Adult, male, red deer.
- 40 Sheltered place.
- 42 One in cards.

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THE VENGEANCE OF THE DEAD.

HOW MISFORTUNE PURSUED JAPANESE MINISTERS.

The Japan of which Lafcadio Hearn used to write is rapidly disappearing. In its place, in so far as the towns and cities are concerned, signs of Westernisation are everywhere apparent—Western-style buildings, Western-style clothing, Western institutions, and, to a large extent, Western ideas and habits.

It comes as something of a surprise, therefore, to find that even such a thoroughly up-to-date and seemingly sophisticated institution as the Ministry of Finance should still believe in the power of the dead over the living.

In the compound of the Finance Ministry there was, until a few years ago, a small shrine to the memory of Masakado, a famous warrior who lost his life through an act of treachery close on 1,000 years ago. There was also near an ancient lotus pond in which, according to tradition, the head of this great man was washed after it had been severed from his body. After the destruction of the Finance Department buildings in the great earthquake of 1923, however, the shrine was removed, the pond was filled in, and temporary buildings were erected over the site of pond and shrine alike.

The cynical may mock, but the fact remains that, during the short interval of time that has elapsed since this act of desecration, satisfied.

misfortune appears to have dogged the footsteps of Finance officials. In 1926 Mr. Hayami (the Minister of Finance, died, then his immediate successor became ill; and for some time past Mr. Mitsuuchi, the present holder of this important portfolio, has been ailing. In addition, a number of other high officials of the same Department have likewise been suffering from illness and other misfortunes.

Solemn Shinto Service.

Mr. Mitsuuchi himself, being above foolish superstitions, refused at first to listen to those who maintained that these afflictions were due to supernatural causes; but whether from subsequent conviction, or whether from a desire to humour his less sceptical friends and subordinate, he finally agreed that, in order to placate the spirit of the warrior, who was seemingly exacting vengeance for the slight done to his memory, a solemn Shinto service should be held over the spot where the pond and shrine were formerly located.

Accordingly a Shinto service was held with great solemnity before an altar erected temporarily in a dining hall of the Department of Finance. At this ceremony were present the Minister himself, Baron Sakatani, a former holder of the same office, the two Vice-Ministers, the Bureau Directors, and all other officials connected with the Department; and each one in turn, on the termination of the service, approached the altar, burned incense thereon, and offered up prayers in silence for the appeasement of the soul of Taira no Masakado, the hero of the Tengu rebellion of 938 A.D.

It now remains to be seen whether or no the shade of the truculent old warrior will consider that honour has been duly satisfied.

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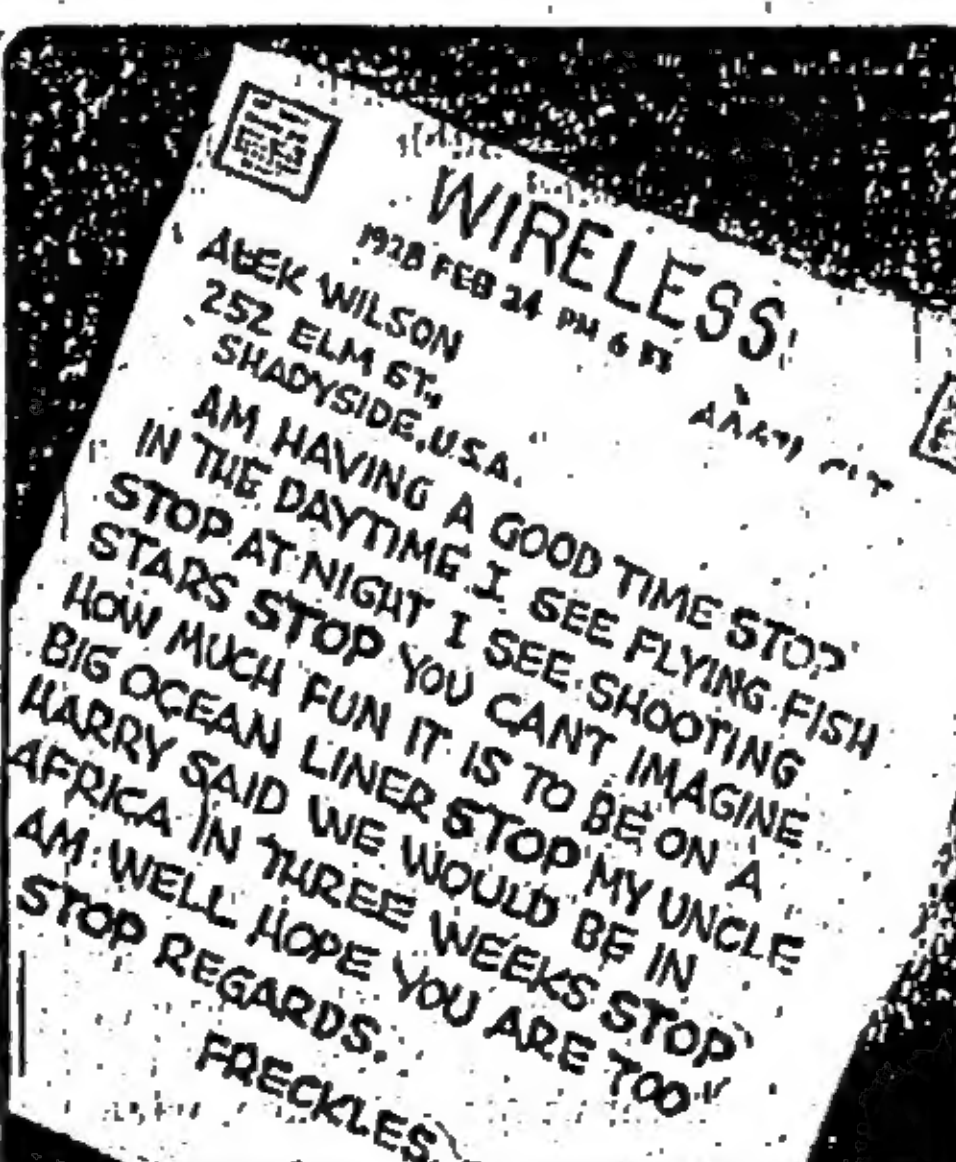
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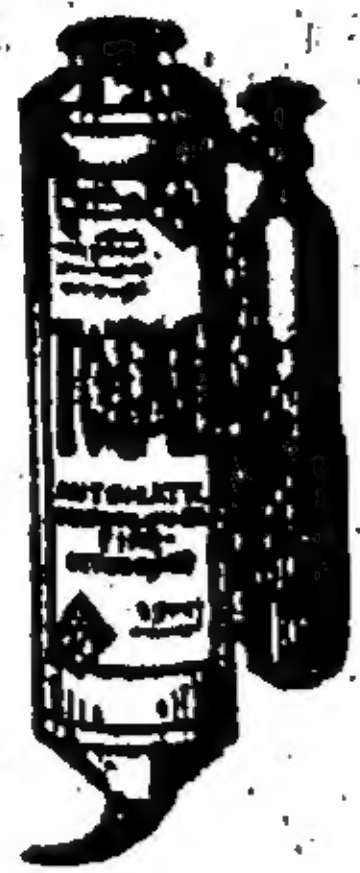
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Dr. F. M. Grace Ozorio and children tender sincere thanks to their relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1928.

THE SPITTING HABIT.

In the opinion of the Head of the Sanitary Department, a noticeable change has taken place in the habits of the Chinese, who are now very apprehensive regarding the evil effects of spitting. We regret to say that we have not observed any remarkable evidence of the change, nor do we imagine that it has been perceived by the public generally. For this reason, we heartily commend the suggestion of the Medical Officer of Health that a bye-law be passed making expectoration in public places illegal. In the discussion on the subject at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, there appeared to be general agreement that the spitting habit is objectionable and even dangerous to public health, but two schools of thought were revealed. There were those who wanted the evil suppressed by law; and there were the others who wished it to be gradually eliminated by the process of education. Our opinion is that it is high time the matter was dealt with by the former method. If ferry and tramway companies can make it an offence, then why cannot the Government? In point of fact, spitting on public piers is already illegal. We can therefore see no hardship in making the prohibition general.

The arguments put forward on Tuesday against the passing of the suggested bye-law were by no means convincing. Mr. Braga asserted that ninety per cent. of the Chinese populace is illiterate. If that is so, what can be the value of suggested handbills and pamphlets? Educational measures through the medium of the printed word obviously can make no appeal to those unable to read. What then? Are we to wait until the masses have become educated? We feel, with Dr. Pope, that we have waited long enough already. Expectoration is not only a filthy habit; it is a distinct menace to

public health, whether practiced indoors or out. We are surprised that Dr. Tao should have argued that it was wrong to attempt to force people to change their habits by the process of law. Maybe he was thinking of the liberty of the individual, but we would surmise that if liberty is abused in such a way as to endanger public health, then it is time that liberty was restricted. We admit that the customs and habits of people ought not to be interfered with so long as they do not cause annoyance or injury to others, but when they do—as in the case of spitting—then the plea for intervention is justified. That principle is already observed in many of our local bye-laws. For example, Chinese cannot indulge in native music and song-beating when and where they like. Neither can they carry chickens by the wings, nor pigs in certain types of crate. It may have been "habit" in the past for them to do these things, but a point was reached at which the law stepped in and limited or prohibited these practices. We could cite innumerable instances of a like character to show that it becomes necessary, in the public interest, for the authorities to step in and restrict individual liberty.

We are firmly convinced that this expectoration evil can only be dealt with by law. Once a bye-law is made, it can be gradually enforced. There would be no necessity at first to rush every offender off to the Police Station. Much could be done, early on, by warnings. Indeed, we see no reason why the Government should not give, say, three months' notice of the intention to pass the bye-law and in the meantime engage a number of street lecturers to stress the evils of the habit and pave the way for the official prohibition. In any event, Hongkong has been sufficiently long under British rule to warrant a serious effort being made to wipe out this disgusting and dangerous practice.

Currency Bandits.

Hongkong is inclined to be too liberal. We are therefore likely to provoke consternation or amusement, as the case might be, in remarking upon the number of bandits harboured within the bounds of the Colony. We are not, however, referring to our American friend, the "stick-up man," nor to those marauding gangs, one of China's exclusive features, who practice the unpleasant habit of insisting upon extending the hospitality of their mountain lairs to unsuspecting wayfarers—at a price. We have been forced to the conclusion, however, that it is not essential to be lawless to be a bandit, and the Hongkong species we have particularly in mind is the average money-changer. Safely ensconced behind a brass grille, his propensities towards the extractions of more than his just due, which in other circumstances might be termed bare-faced robbery, are usually most in evidence when strangers to the Colony need local currency. Several times lately we have had complaints of heavy losses on exchange in cases where advantage has been taken of the customer's ignorance of the ruling rate. The money-changer is undoubtedly a necessary feature of our system, but something should be done to check the pernicious practice of which we complain. It is surely not too much to ask that the money-changer should be required to exhibit, or to have on hand for exhibition if demanded, the current rates of exchange, and if he is not willing to do this voluntarily, it could be made a condition of his licence. Some such remedy is urgently needed.

Silver Purchases.

A remarkable action came to an end in America on Tuesday in the rejection of an application by silver producers to compel the U.S. Treasury to purchase a huge quantity of silver at a price almost double the ruling market rate. No other decision was, of course, feasible. The Pittman Law, on which the application was based, was passed during the war authorizing the U.S. Government to make silver purchases at any time in order to stabilize the price. It has never been repealed. Apparently, the American silver producers, being of opinion that the present market rate of silver is too low, thought to induce the

DAY BY DAY.

GOOD ORDER IS THE FOUNDATION
OF ALL THINGS.—Burke.

Two Chinese cases of typhoid were reported yesterday—one from Aberdeen and the other from the New Territories.

Mr. Keen, Chief Officer of the s.s. Kinsman has been removed to hospital, and Mr. Lake, Chief Officer of the s.s. Talsman has been appointed temporarily in his stead.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on a Chinese woman by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for carrying four chickens in a crate too small for the fowls.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 18 arrivals and 16 departures, with British best, leaving 62 vessels in harbour of which 23 were British. Tonnage was fair, but freight returns were below average, the British total being 8,000 tons.

A Bank draft for G\$3,000 has been handed to the police by a Chinese named Lee Chow, living at No. 95, Lai-chikok Road, who stated that he found the document in Shamshui. The draft is issued by the Royal Bank of Canada and is payable at the Equitable Eastern Bank Corporation.

Miss A. C. Valpeid, a lady journalist attached to the *Geelong Advertiser*, Victoria, Australia, is at present in Hongkong, being accompanied by Miss D. Willis, a friend. They are on a holiday tour of the Far East. They bring greetings from Mr. James Kerr, a former A.S.P. of the Hongkong Police, who is now settled down in a pretty suburban district of Melbourne.

The engagement and forthcoming marriage in August are announced of Mr. E. C. Richards, of the Hongkong Bank, Kuala Lumpur, and Joan, youngest daughter of the late Sir Robert and of Lady Gardner, of Eastbourne, and formerly of Dublin. Miss Gardner is a sister of Mrs. A. K. Cosgrave and recently spent some months in Kuala Lumpur.

A Buick car in which Madame Chan Kung-chuen, mother-in-law of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former chairman of the Nationalist Government Central Executive Committee, and Mr. Chan Yew-tao, Ex-Reconstruction Commissioner, Kwantung, were travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Ipoh, met with a serious accident at Bidor last week. Madame Chan was injured and Mr. Chan narrowly escaped.

At the annual meeting of the Wing Tack Athletic Association the following officers were elected for the current year:—President, Mr. Ng Tai-ping (President of the Ping Pong League and Chairman of the Modern Literary Association); Vice-President, Mr. Ng Ming Chiu, B. A.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Lai Woon-cheung; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Lee Ho-long; General Committee, Messrs. Woo Hin-tack, Lo Tung-fang, Andrew Lau, and Leung Kwan-kwong.

An extraordinary incident which occurred on the local railway in April last year is revealed in the annual report just issued. An engine arrived in British territory from the Chinese section without driver or fireman in control. Fortunately steam was exhausted when the engine arrived on the British line and it came to a standstill without doing any harm. The incident is attributed to disaffected employees on the Chinese section who apparently abandoned the engine.

The master of the Wai Sang printing shop, of Yaumati, reported to the police yesterday that a foki collected \$30 on his behalf on Monday and absconded. Two other reports of embezzlement were made to the police yesterday, both from West point. The master of the Kwong On Yuen pig dealer's shop reported the loss of \$1,121.73 through a foki absconding, and a fish stallholder at the Saiyungpun market stated that he has been robbed in the same way of \$52 by a dishonest employee.

Supreme Court at Washington to read into the Pittman Law something that most certainly was never intended. The action was, in common parlance, a try-on, and naturally failed. It would, of course, be extraordinarily interesting to learn the argument by which the Silver Producers' Association sought to convince a judge that the Government had passed a law which would enable a private institution to force it into a policy with which it might or might not agree. In its absence, we can reflect only upon the Association's audacity.

CORRESPONDENCE.

KOWLOON NOISES.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The Press of this Colony has from time to time conducted campaigns against the night noises of the Chinese. May I now appeal to you to enter the field against similar noises, made, I regret to say, by Europeans?

Last night, or rather early this morning, sleep in the vicinity of Camby Buildings, Kowloon, was made impossible by a party of men and women, who with the aid of a particularly piercing piano, made merry between the hours of midnight and 2 a.m.

This is not the first time on which the noise has emanated from this quarter, but previous efforts have generally been confined to Saturday nights, and Sunday mornings.

Most of us are long-suffering enough to tolerate a party up to midnight, but after that the thing becomes an indescribable nuisance.

Sleep this weather is difficult enough to obtain at any time, without the imposition of further handicaps in the early hours of the morning.

We have all learnt as children that we have a duty to fulfil towards our neighbours. What a pity it is that some people fail to realise this in after-life.

Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter, and enclosing my card,—Yours, etc.,

DISGUSTED.
Kowloon, June 28th, 1928.

BUILDING AT KOWLOON POINT.

Sir,—I notice that a new building is being erected in Salisbury Road on the site of the garage which was blown down in the typhoon of 1927, thus making it evident that there is no intention on the part of Government to widen the road at that place.

It would be redundant to go over all the arguments in favour of this very necessary improvement and equally futile to point out that the south side of the road is the only side on which sensible and economical widening can be carried out.

We are getting new ferries and buses as fast as requirements increase, but we don't get our road, and further exigent progress in locomotion is choked at this point. This road is not devoted to joy-riding; it is the only road by which Kowloon residents can get to their work, and with a rapidly increasing population in the Peninsula is absolutely inadequate for even the present needs.

Why then does Government permit the erecting of another building on this site?—Yours, etc.,
TROGLDYTE.
Kowloon, June 27, 1928.

THE "KOCHOW" ENQUIRY.

Sir,—In reading over the evidence given by Captain Morgan at the Kowloon enquiry, I was greatly surprised at his statement in which he said that owing to the excessive speed of the s.s. Lai Lee in passing the Kocho, the lifting gear was damaged by the wash by the Lai Lee, thus causing detention in raising the Kocho.

I emphatically refute that statement. Every time on going through the Wangmoon Bar Channel, the engines of the Lai Lee are put to "Slow Speed," as is customary with all, or nearly all, steamers using the Channel, as a matter of precaution, should the vessel take the ground.

On the night in question, the Lai Lee was anchored, waiting for tide, from 10.30 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. Thanking you for space for the above, in your paper.—Yours, etc.,
E. MIDGLEY.
Hongkong, June 28th, 1928.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Shanghai	2/3 1/4
Hongkong	1/10 1/2
New York	48 1/2
Geneva	25.20
Milan	82.80
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.22
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	20.52 1/2
Athens	376
Rio	6.20 1/2
Bombay	2/0 1/2
Hongkong	27 1/2
Silver (spot)	27 1/2
Silver (forward)	27 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

The Long Arm of Coincidence:—Here is a coincidence from a resident at Montreux: "Some years ago my sister and I planned a foreign tour, which, unfortunately, had to be given up at the last moment owing to the non-payment of an expected and very necessary dividend. One of our nieces came to console on our great disappointment, and said, 'I want you to do something for me—will you promise faithfully to do it before I tell you what it is?'"

"Suspecting an offer of a loan from a slender store we refused to promise, and while we were laughing and arguing over the matter the postman knocked. As I ran downstairs to look for my letters I called back, 'If there is a thousand pounds in the letter-box, will you promise faithfully to accept a hundred pounds from us?' What suggested this absurdity I have no idea.

In the letter-box was the announcement of a legacy of \$500 each to my sister and myself, not from any relation, but from an absolutely unexpected source. Our niece returned home that evening with our cheque for \$100 in her pocket and we started for Switzerland."

Willissen magistrate, to a man: Try to soften your wife's heart. Man: I have, sir; I left her four times.

Motorist fined at Wood Green for driving at thirty-eight miles an hour; I was in a hurry taking a child to school.

Magistrate at Willissen, to a man: Your application seems to raise all sorts of difficulties under Habeas Corpus, Magna Carta, and "Dora."

Man, at Willissen: I only plead guilty to not being drunk.

It was stated at Marylebone that a man accused of drunkenness had been before the court on a similar charge once every year since 1923. Man: I am fairly consistent about it. Magistrate: Persistent, you mean.

The notorious Interburg clairvoyante, Frau Guenther Geffers, who has been on trial charged with obtaining money by false pretences, was recently acquitted.

This case aroused considerable interest in psychological and criminological circles. Some of the psychic experts who have been consulted as to the nature of the occult powers claimed by the clairvoyante have emphatically affirmed that they are convinced that Frau Geffers is possessed of a sixth sense, or at any rate of quite abnormal powers. Dr. Kroener, one of the Berlin experts summoned to be present at the trial, expressed the emphatic opinion that such exceptionally gifted clairvoyantes as Frau Geffers could very well be utilised by the Prussian Criminal Investigation Department as assistant detectives.

This view is not shared by the Prussian authorities, who think that the employment of mediums in investigating crime may easily lead to suspicion being laid upon entirely innocent persons.

The President of the District of Koenigsberg, in East Prussia, has therefore felt called upon to issue a special order prohibiting the employment by the police of so-called telepathic and clairvoyant mediums for the tracking down of criminals.

Isaac and Sandy were playing a round of golf. Sandy drove off and sent the ball well up the fairway. Isaac followed, but his ball flew straightaway into the rough. After slashing away wildly for about three minutes he managed to get out.

"How many?" asked Sandy. "Three," replied the Jew. "What?" said the canny Scot. "Ah counted ten mazel."

"Vell," came the retort, "was it my fault I should have to kill a snake?"

More howlers: The fact "O.M. means" on the make, and lots of politicians get these letters "will doubtless be something of a shock to the proud possessors of this order. "Vension is made out of deer. It is a kind of porridge and is served up hot."

CLAIM FOR SHARE
OF \$200,000.ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION
OF LOCAL FIRM.

PARTNERS AT LAW.

An application for an order for the dissolution of a local firm and the payment of respective capital and profits due to the claimants from a sum exceeding \$200,000 was adjourned by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court this morning, because the various documents had not been properly served on the defendant, who was absent from Court.

The plaintiffs were Chan Pui-hin, and Chan Yu-hau, alias Chan Oi Yun-tong, both of No. 15, Peak Road; Chan Chok-chau, alias Chan Man Sui-long, and Muk Sik-tung, both of No. 44, Ko Shing Street, merchants. The defendant was Chan Chak-kan, alias Chan Sui-hing, alias Chan Ki Wo-tong, alias Chan Yee Wo-tong, merchant, of No. 41, Des Voeux Road West, third floor.

Mak Sik-tung claimed as the administrator of the estate of his father, Mak Kit, alias Mak Kiet, alias Mak King-yu, alias Mak Chun Hang-tong, who died intestate on November 11, 1907.

The Partnership.

It appears from the statement of claim that sometime during August and September, 1904, as the result of the amalgamation of two firms, the Kwan Wo Chan, and the Fat Lee Kwan, a trading partnership was formed under the name of the Kwan Wo Lee. The partnership carried on business and used all three names both in Hongkong and elsewhere.

The partners were the defendant, who was also the general manager, the first three plaintiffs, the fourth plaintiff's father, and others some of whom had since died and others retired.

Demand for Dissolution.

The plaintiff's case was that they demanded a dissolution of the partnership when the accumulated undistributed profits and assets of the partnership exceeded \$200,000. That demand was made on about June 20, 1927, for payment of respective shares and capital together with proportions of profits, but their demand had not been complied with.

The plaintiffs therefore asked for a decree for a dissolution as from February 12, 1926, and for an account to be taken and payment of the amounts found due. They further claimed their costs and such other relief as the Court thought fit.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. D.L. Strellett, of Messrs. G.K. Hall Brutton and Company, was for the plaintiffs. Mr. F.H. Losely was also in Court. Mr. Alabaster said that Mr. Losely had informed him that he had no further instructions from the defendant.

Defendant Absent.

The defendant's name was called, but he did not appear.

In considering the procedure to be followed in the event of a defendant being absent, his Lordship held that the defendant had not been properly served. The solicitor for the defendant, said his Lordship, had only undertaken to accept service of the writ and not for general process.

His Lordship adjourned the case for the documents to be properly served on the defendant.

CROCODILE IN STRAITS.

CHINESE FISHERMAN CAUGHT
ON SANDBANK.

Bathers off the Tanah Merah and Changi beaches should take warning from the fact that a Chinese fisherman was caught by a crocodile and fatally injured in this locality recently, says the Straits Times.

It appears that a party of fishermen from a village on one of the islands near Changi were operating off the 14th mile on the East Coast. They anchored their boat on a sandbank and got into the water, which was only a few feet deep. Suddenly one of their number shouted for help and was seen to be struggling to retain his hold on the net. His comrades rushed to his assistance, and found that a large crocodile had seized him around the waist and was attempting to drag him away.

The men seized the victim's hands, and by shouting and striking at the crocodile with poles the brute eventually was induced to release its hold, and the man was lifted into the boat. He was terribly wounded, however, and died in hospital the next day.

The fishermen were something like a mile from the shore at the time, but the incident cannot but give rise to a certain uneasiness, and caution is obviously advisable along this coast, particularly in bathing where the bottom is muddy and the water not clear.

ANCIENT AXEHEADS
AND POTTERY.INTERESTING FINDS ON
LANTAO ISLAND.

It is recorded in the annual report of the District Officers for the Southern District of the New Territories that several finds of ancient stone axeheads and pottery were made on Lantau Island by Dr. Heanley; these are of great archaeological interest and should help to throw light on the early history of South China. A monograph on the subject by Dr. Heanley is in course of publication.

Early in the year the ground survey in connexion with the air survey of the Colony made by H.M.S. Pegasus, was completed. All the local villages and place names were carefully checked and have been forwarded to the cartographers, so that the resultant maps, when ready, may be expected to be extremely accurate.

Dr. Brock of the University of British Columbia also completed the geological survey of the New Territories during the spring, so that the final report thereon may be expected shortly.

MARINE COURT CASES.

LAUNCH OWNER & MASTER
CHARGED.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Wong Tak-sing, owner of the steam launch On Pat, was charged with failing to report to the Harbour Master the name of the master and the number of his certificate within 48 hours of engagement. Tang Kuen, as master, was charged with failing to produce his certificate for registration within 48 hours of engagement. Both accused pleaded not guilty.

Police evidence showed that the launch had been boarded on three occasions, but it had never been possible to find the certified master. A warning had been issued, but no notice had been taken and neither the certificate nor the man had been registered.

The owner stated that he had engaged the second defendant as a seaman, although he held a coxswain's certificate, for he could not afford to pay wages to both men at the higher rate. The second defendant occasionally acted as coxswain in the absence of the other.

His Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow morning, for the purpose of looking into legal points of the case.

Leung Yan, master of the steam launch Ping Po, was charged with carrying 60 passengers in excess of the number allowed by licence. He pleaded guilty. His launch was licensed for 119 and he was carrying 179 at the time of arrest.

A fine of \$120, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, was inflicted.

EASTER ACCIDENT
SEQUEL.CASE AGAINST CAR DRIVER
DISMISSED.

The case concerning the driver of public car No. 442 who was summoned for negligent driving as an alleged result of which Mrs. H. White was knocked down and injured in an accident which occurred on Easter morning in Queen's Road East, was again before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon after an adjournment to enable the Magistrate to inspect the scene of the mishap.

Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared on behalf of Mrs. White, while the defendant was represented by Mr. F. E. Nash.

In his decision, his Worship found defendant not guilty of negligence, and accordingly dismissed the case.

NEW GOVERNMENT
LAUNCH.ORDER FOR HONGKONG AND
WIAMPOA DOCK CO.

An order has been placed with the Hongkong and Wiampoa Dock Company for the construction of a tank motor launch for the use of the Harbour Department.

The dimensions of the boat are to be:—Length, 60 feet, beam, 11.5 feet; and depth, 8 feet. She is to be fitted with Gardner semi-Diesels to 72 B.H.P. at 400 r.p.m., these engines being supplied by Messrs. Dodwell and Co., the local agents.

Construction is to start immediately at the Cosmopolitan Dock and it is anticipated the craft will be completed in approximately five months. The estimated cost is \$25,000.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Thibaud, the "Gipsy Fiddler" (?)—Shepherd Fennel's Dance—"Tristan und Isolde"—Columbia Records.

[BY "ALLEGRO"]

Appreciators of music do not always see "eye-to-eye" and I question whether the description of Thibaud by the *Daily Press* musical critic as a gipsy-fiddler is a correct one. He wrote: "Thibaud gives the impression less of the great master, but rather of the gipsy fiddler who is a welcome figure wherever he wanders. It is this quality of the gipsy which makes him so attractive; you feel that he plays because he loves giving pleasure rather than because he loves music." To my mind, "gipsy fiddler" is rather a term of reproach to the leading violinist of the French school, who has devoted his whole life to serious study of his instrument. A gipsy fiddler is surely one who plays "to the girls" at the lesser restaurants of Paris; a Bohemian with long hair who plays chiefly by ear and who cannot boast of any considerable technique. Thibaud is a great master and does not fit the description at all. Although I recognise that the term was intended as a compliment, some of our French friends did not understand it in that sense.

The size of the audience at his concert was most satisfactory, and the majority of them will no doubt take the opportunity of hearing him for the last time at his extra concert on July 2nd, when he will play the Vivaldi Concerto in A minor, Mozart's Concerto in G, and a group of five miscellaneous solos.

I wanted to recommend Balfour Gardiner's "Shepherd Fennel's Dance" (H.M.V. Orchestra) to my gramophone friends, but all the records are sold. However, they can beseege Moutrie's and place an order with them; and they might care to keep the following programme note, written by Mrs. Rosa Newmarch for the first performance at Queen's Hall in 1911:

"Those who have read Thomas Hardy's Wessex Tales will remember the christening party given by Shepherd Fennel and his wife on March 28th, 1820, in honour of their second daughter, so graphically and humorously described in the story of 'The Three Strangers.' Shepherd Fennel had wandered long between the still-still party, which experience had proved conducive to an unconceivable deal of topline, and the dancery party with its counterbalancing disadvantages, the ravenous appetites engendered by the exercise causing immense havoc in the buttry."

"Finally, she compromised between short dances alternating with talk and song. And so it came about that while the increasing March rain was buffeted against the unsheltered hilltop dwelling of Higher Croxtairs, the candles twinkled in the cosy dwelling-room where, at seven o'clock, the shrill tinkle-tee of the boy-fiddler had begun, accompanied by a booming ground-bass from Elijah New, the parish clerk, who had thoughtfully brought with him his favourite musical instrument, the serpent. Good Mrs. Fennel, hospitable yet thrifty, had intended to limit the exhilaration of the dance to a quarter of an hour at a time. But she reckoned without the enthusiasm of her musicians. 'Elijah and the boy, in the excitement of their position, quite forgot the injunction.... And so that dance whizzed on with cumulative fury, the performers moving in their planet-like courses, direct and retrograde, from apogee to perigee, till the

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POWELL'S REDUCTION
OF CAPITAL.RESOLUTION CONFIRMED
THIS MORNING.

Shareholders of Messrs. Wm. Powell Limited this morning confirmed an extraordinary resolution for a reduction of the Company's capital.

Mr. M. Manuk (chairman), was supported by Mr. S. J. Jordan (Director), Mr. R.A. Wadson, of Messrs. Deacons (solicitor), and Mr. A. C. Howell (secretary). Shareholders present were Mr. H. Overy, Mr. A.H. Ribbiero, Mr. E. J. Ainslie, Mr. D. M. Goodall, Mr. E. E. Scriven, Mr. A. W. Brown, Mr. Leung Po-shan and Mr. Yai Fook-ling.

After the secretary had read the notice convening the meeting the chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The object for which this meeting has been called is, as indicated in the notice for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceeding of the extraordinary general meeting held on the 9th instant and of confirming as a special resolution the resolution, which was then passed as an extraordinary resolution.

That resolution you will remember concerned your approval of a reduction of the Company's capital. You will also remember that at the previous meeting I explained to you why your Directors thought it essential to reduce the capital of the Company, and I do not think it necessary to deal any further with those reasons except to state that at the meeting in question the resolution approving the reduction of capital was unanimously passed as an extraordinary resolution.

The Resolution.

To comply with the Hongkong Companies Ordinance it is necessary that such extraordinary resolution shall be confirmed by a majority of shareholders entitled to vote as are present in person, or by proxy, at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting and consequently this meeting has been convened for the purpose of enabling the extraordinary resolution passed at the previous meeting to be confirmed as a special resolution. I accordingly beg to propose the confirmation as a special resolution of the said extraordinary resolution, namely:—"That the Capital of the Company be reduced from \$350,000.00 divided into 50,000 shares of \$7.00 each of which 42,000 have been issued, to \$100,000.00 divided into 50,000 shares of \$2.00 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$4.50 per share upon each of the 42,000 shares which have been issued, and by returning to the extent of 50 cents per share and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$7.00 to \$2.00."

I shall be glad if some shareholder will second the proposal. Mr. H. Overy seconded and the proposal was carried.

"FAIR TO SHOWERY."

To-day's Observatory report states:—"Pressure is highest to the east of the Bonins. A shallow depression covers China. The Japanese depression has filled up." The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—"South winds, moderate; fair to showery."

GENERAL NOBILE'S
CONDITION.ALLEGED INABILITY TO TELL
COHERENT STORY.

CONFLICTING CABLES.

Berlin, June 27. Newspaper correspondents now at King's Bay have telegraphed that nobody is allowed to see General Nobile on board the "Citta di Milano" owing to his serious condition which is alleged to be a complete nervous breakdown. It is stated he is unable to give a coherent account of happenings since the wreck of the Italia.—*Reuter*.

Subscriptions are pouring into newspaper offices to assist a private expedition which is being organised to search for Captain Rold Amundsen and Commandant Gullbaud, who have been missing for ten days. The expedition will start immediately on board a Norwegian whaler under an experienced Arctic skipper.—*Reuter*.

Impact Described.

Rome, June 27. General Nobile's detailed account of what happened when the "Italia" crashed on the ice floes shows that the impact was taken by the engine in the front of the gondola (which became detached, thus marooning the Nobile party), as a consequence of which the chief mechanic, Sig. Pomella, was fatally injured. He was subsequently given an honourable burial by the marooned party. General Nobile says that the dirigible re-ascended and was seen to drift about six miles, when a small plume of smoke was seen trailing astern.

General Nobile's Directions.

General Nobile is giving directions for the finding of the party with the airship hull, and three seaplanes, two Italian and one Swedish, will start immediately the weather, which at present is bad, permits.

General Nobile states that the walking party, regarding whom there is still no news, was provisioned for 40 days and had instruments and maps but were without tents and firearms.

He says that Dr. Malmgren calculated that they could do six miles a day, but they did barely three miles a day when they reached Foyn Island, since when nothing had been heard of them.

An Italian seaplane piloted by Captain Rivazoni has arrived at Tromsø in search of Captain Amundsen and Commander Gullbaud.—*Reuter*.

The Hobby to Return.

Oslo, June 27. The Norwegian Government has accepted the offer of the American, Miss Boyd, who had hired the sealer Hobby, which was thus obliged to return from the search of the "Italia" party, to send back the vessel to Spitzbergen, free of cost, to search for Captain Amundsen and Commander Gullbaud.—*Reuter*.

The local office of the Nederlandsch Indische Handelbank are in receipt of a cable from the Amsterdam head office to the effect, that the Bank has declared a dividend of 10% for the year 1927.

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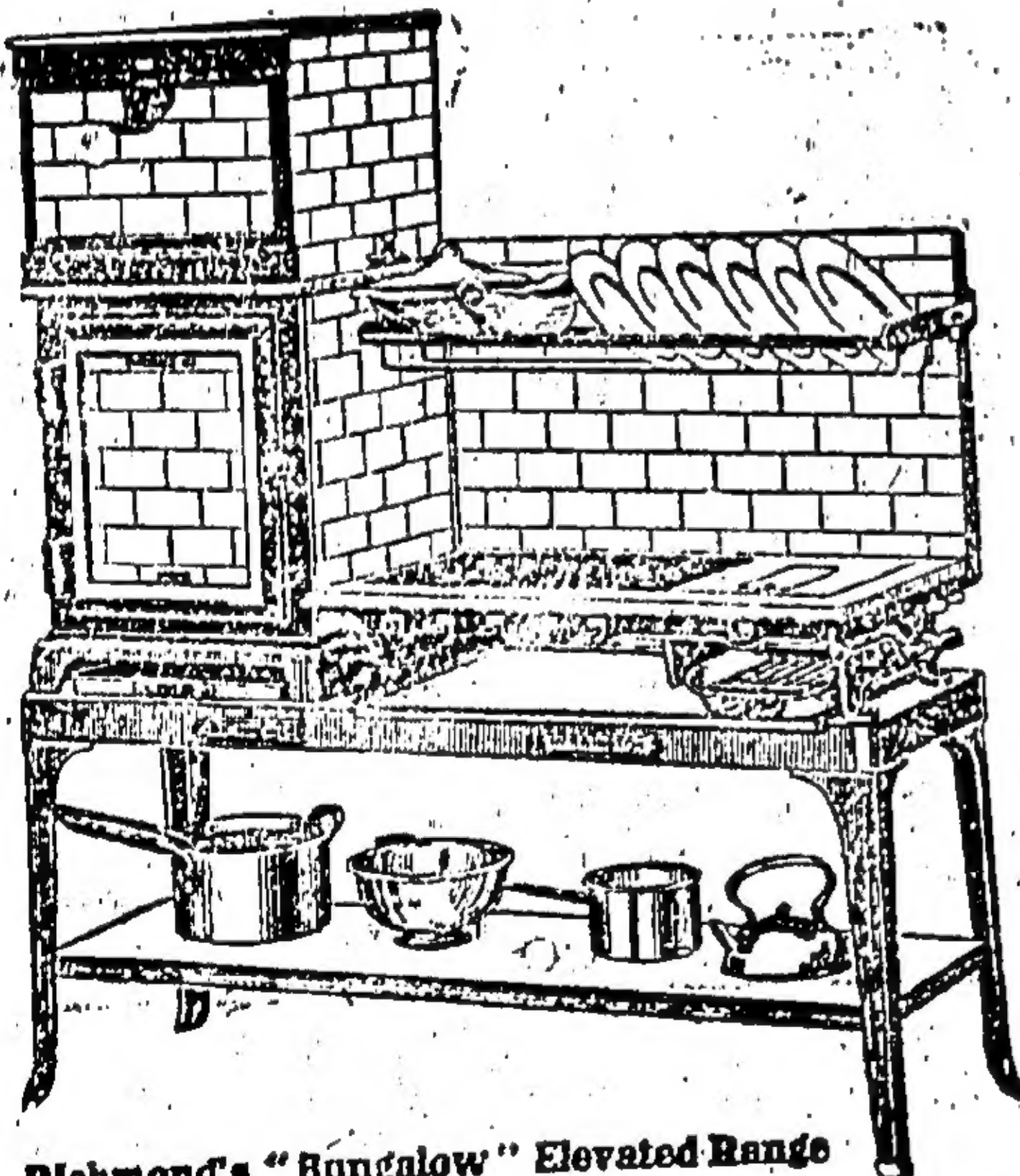
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SCOUTS' WHIST DRIVE.
IN AID OF MURRAY TROOP FUNDS.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Scandal Point Hall yesterday on the occasion of a Whist Drive in aid of the funds of the 4th Hongkong (Murray) Troop of Boy Scouts.
 This is the third Drive organised by the troop and each one has proved a success. Not as much from a financial point of view perhaps, but a satisfactory evening's entertainment was assured and everybody enjoyed the play immensely. Moreover, the parents of the boys were brought into closer contact at the actual troop headquarters. In view of this, it has been decided to hold the Whist Drive fortnightly, every alternate Tuesday for the summer months, at least, later, it may be possible to organize dance or some more strenuous form of enjoyment. The lucky persons to carry off the prizes last night were:
 Mrs. Kennard—Ladies First—Case of silver forks and spoons.
 Miss Crossan—Ladies Second—Table cover.
 Mrs. Stock—Ladies Third—Six Handkerchiefs.
 Mrs. Crossan—Ladies Traveling Card—Ten-Cloth.
 Mr. P. Groves—Gents First—Pen and Pencil.
 Mr. D. Fritz—Gents Second—Wallet.
 Mr. C. Fenner—Gents Travelling Card—Razor Strip.

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

"WE" TEAM WINS AGAIN.

The return billiard match between the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the "WE" billiard team took place yesterday and resulted in a win for the "WE" team by the narrow margin of 9 points. Scores:
 Chinese Y.M.C.A. "WE" Team.
 Wong 150 E. Vas 84
 Fong 55 J. C. Remedios 150
 K. C. Leung 99 S. M. Cruz 150
 Yuen 150 E. de Remedios 146
 Sinn 150 P. Castillo 137
 T. Cheah 150 M. A. Baptista 96
 764 763

LEAGUE TENNIS.

KOWLOON C. C. MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

The following have been selected to represent the K. C. C. in their League fixtures on Saturday the 30th inst.
 "A" Division, versus the M. B. K. on the K. C. C. ground at 4.30 p.m.
 E. C. Fincher and F. G. L. Wheeler.
 E. P. Fincher and Wm. Giddins, S. E. Green and D. S. Green.
 "C" Division, versus S. C. A. A. on the S. C. A. A. ground (King's Park) at 4.30 p.m.—C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstenen, P. M. Pinget and A. E. Guest, C. W. E. Bishop and Geo. Lee.

GOLF FEAT.

HOLE IN ONE AND RECORD SCORE.

New York, June 27.
 Playing at Kansas City, Al Espinosa of Chicago won the Mid-American Golf Championship with a score of 289. Archie Compton, the British player, was second with a score of 294.
 In one of his rounds Espinosa returned a record score for the course completing the circuit in 68. He also holed out in one in the second round.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

- The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.
 Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.
 1 How many alien passengers were (a) landed in (b) embarked from, (c) refused permission to land in England during the first quarter of this year?
 2 Who wrote the lines "Nature never did betray the heart that loved her"?
 3 Who first discovered (a) the use of chloroform, (b) antiseptic treatment in surgery?
 4 What remarkable animal is known as "a living fossil"?
 5 Name the discoverers of (a) radium and (b) electrons.
 6 What river divides Norfolk from Suffolk?
 7 What Act of Parliament secures to every arrested person the right to demand a trial or to be set at liberty?
 8 Who first succeeded in sending and detecting electro-magnetic waves without wires?
 9 Wherein does an amphibian differ from a reptile—a v., a newt from a lizard?
 10 What is the difference, chemically, between charcoal, blacklead, coal, and diamond?
 11 What real person, suggested to Daniel Defoe the famous "Robinson Crusoe", and what island is the real Crusoe's island?
 12 What is the origin of the word "tawdry"?

CHINESE STEAMER SINKS.

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teen hours after abandoning the Lee On."

Very Old Vessel.

The Chief Engineer, who was also interviewed, said the trouble with the propeller was due to the fact that that part of the ship had not been overhauled for many years. The ship was a very old vessel, and the machinery was of old pattern. He added that efforts to stop the rushing water were of no avail because of the size of the hole and the difficulty of access, due to the close proximity of the water ballast.

From the Agents of the ship it was learned that the steamer was formerly the Po Sung, and for a long time was employed on the Hongkong-Kowloon Chow Wan run. The vessel is believed to be very old, having been in service for at least forty years. The Agents have telegraphed the owners giving details of the loss of the vessel and are now awaiting instructions.

Cargo Worth \$30,000.

Enquiries as to insurance produced the reply that that was effected in Canton and that the local agents have no details. The value of the salt cargo is estimated at \$30,000 and the consignees are believed to have effected the necessary insurance.

According to the ship's certificate the Lee On is of 1,201 tons gross and 728.61 tons net. The owner's name is given as Mr. Loung Ming-shun.

The Official Report.

The official report of the shipwreck as supplied to the police is as follows:

"Kwok Kau, master of the a.s. Lee On, of 1,000 tons capacity, agents the Hop On Steamship Company, of 49, Des Voeux Road West, registered in Canton and flying the Chinese flag, reports that on June 26th at 4.30 p.m., whilst the ship was on a voyage from Woo Shek to Canton, with a crew of forty-seven males and thirty-eight coolies who were looking after the cargo of about 1,100 tons of salt, when in Longitude 113.09 E. and Latitude 22.19 S., the propeller shaft gave several sudden jerks, which shook the ship and shortly afterwards water came rushing in near the propeller shaft. The pumps were started but could not cope with the inrush.

"Lifeboats were lowered and all passengers taken off the ship. They stopped in the vicinity until 7 p.m. when the ship sank. Previous to this, the fire had been drawn.
 "The crew and passengers were picked up by two shing junks at 7.15 p.m. and brought to Hongkong yesterday."

At Pretoria the death is announced of Mr. Haron Jacobus Smit, brother of the High Commissioner for South Africa.

GEN. CHEN CHIEN IN REVOLT.

REPORT OF MOVES AGAINST HANKOW CONTROL.

PEKING SITUATION.

A Naval wireless message from Changsha, dated June 26 gives details of a report to the effect that Gen. Chen Chien's army has revolted against the control of Hankow and has crossed into Kiangsi by way of the Changsha-Ping Hwang railway.

Another message dated yesterday states that Chiang Kai-shek is understood to have arrived in Hankow and afterwards proceeded to Peking by rail. At the moment there is no real confirmation of these reports. Strict martial law has been in force at Hankow recently but this has now been cancelled.

Feng for Peking.

Shanghai, June 28.
 Marshal Feng Yu-shiang has sent an aide-de-camp to Peking to report that he will shortly proceed there to pay homage to the late Dr. Sun's casket, in accordance with the order of the Nanking Government.

It is reported that Feng's representative has been instructed to request the authorities in Peking not to make preparation for an official welcome to the "Christian General" when he arrives.

Marshal Feng has also sent a telegram to General Li Chung-yen at Hankow requesting him to join his party in visiting Peking.
 —*Nam Chung Pao.*

Peaceful Cities.

Shanghai, June 28.
 At the meeting of the Nanking Political Council yesterday, it was decided to wind up the Committee of Administration for the war area in Peking in view of the fact that Peking and Tientsin are now peaceful.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Troop Disbandment.

Shanghai, June 28.
 In supporting the Nationalist plan for the disbandment of troops, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has issued a decree prohibiting mobilization and emphasizing that any General who ignores the order will be regarded as committing an offence.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Tsinnan General Resigns.

Shanghai, June 27.
 General Fang Chen-wu, the Nationalist general who played a leading part in the Tsinnan incident has tendered his resignation to the Nationalist Government.

Tientsin Seizure.

Shanghai, June 27.
 It is rumoured that in co-operation with British Police, the Chinese authorities in Tientsin carried out a raid and seized 53 pistols and much ammunition at

FOR TRAVELLERS.

THOS. COOK'S GAZETTE APPEARS.

A new quarterly issue of the *Far Eastern Travellers' Gazette*, published by Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, has made its appearance. As usual, it is full of interesting matter to those contemplating holidays, as it gives full details of various shipping, railway and aerial services.

It may seem rather early to be bothering about leave in 1928, but Messrs. Thos. Cook announce that they are already in a position to make registrations for next spring.

There are several interesting illustrated articles in the *Gazette*, one of these dealing with the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian capitals, whilst another gives some useful information on the Ibero-American International Exposition which is to be held at Seville from October to June.

MAYOR DECLINES TO BE ADMIRAL.

BEATING THE BOUNDS AT POOLE HARBOUR.

The Mayor of Poole, Dorset, Alderman W. P. Hunt, has announced that he will not observe the ancient ceremony of beating the harbour bounds.

He told the Harbour Board that in his opinion a person holding his office was no longer Admiral of the Port, and he did not see why he should continue the farce of being an admiral at his age.

He added that any ceremony he conducted would have to be on the land side, and declared that he had never himself accompanied his predecessors on the perambulation of the harbour.

The Harbour Board have provisionally granted £20 towards expenses as in previous years.

Rev. Coedfryn Davies, 72, Calvinistic Methodist minister at Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, was knocked down by a motor cycle at Bankfield, in the same county, when attending a Connexion festival, and received fatal injuries.

the residence of a Russian, in the British Concession.

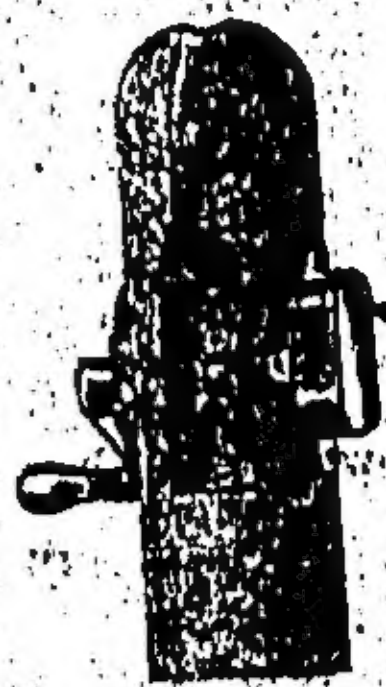
No arrest was made according to the story as the owner of the arms had absconded before the arrival of the police.

To-day, the Tientsin papers stated that the wanted Russian is one of the former advisers of Marshal Chang Chung-chang.

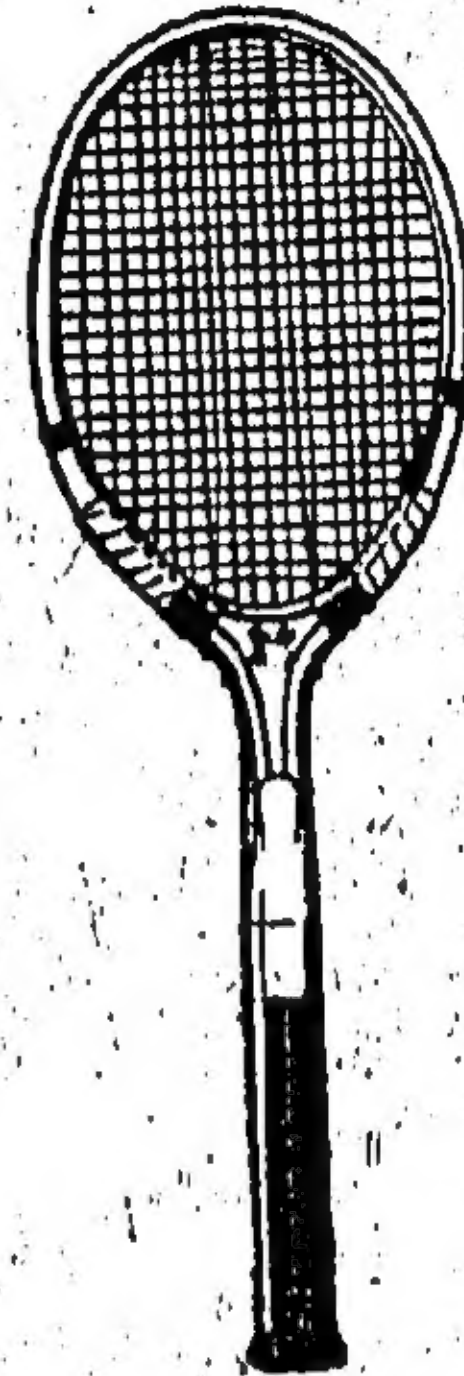
A Loan for Manchuria?

Shanghai, June 27.
 In Nationalist circles it is alleged that General Chang Hsueh-ling new leader in Mukden, is negotiating a loan of \$5,000,000 with a foreign Government for the purpose of restoring the value of the Fengtien, or Fengtien notes.

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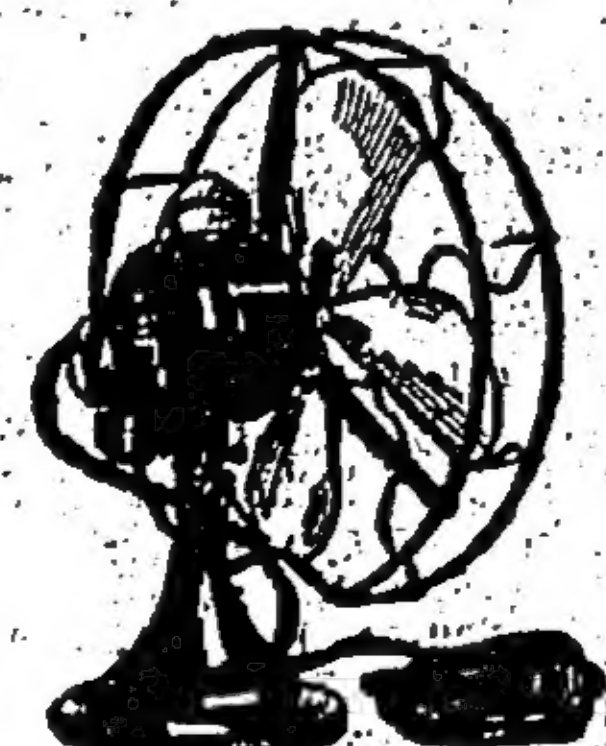
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HONGKONG'S WATER SUPPLY.

(Continued from Page 8.)

Water supply by a distilling and condensing plant is therefore only resorted to, when conditions are very exceptional, where fresh water by any other less costly method is unobtainable, or where distilled water is required for a special purpose in some manufacturing process.

The water distribution has to be very strictly limited in domestic supply owing to the huge plants that would be required to produce a large quantity of fresh water.

The cost of a condensing plant is estimated at \$575,000 and of operation \$15,620 a month. Amount of water pumped in one month of 30 days—5,370,000 gallons.

Approximate cost per 1,000 gallons of distilled water—\$2.89.

The approximate cost per 1,000 gallons of delivering altered water to consumers in this Colony under present conditions of supply is as follows:

Hongkong Island (City of Victoria) . . . 35 cents

Kowloon 22 cents

Mr. Japman adds that the brine from the sea-water may be saleable.

SEA WATER FOR FLUSHING.

Scheme too costly in relation to results.

Mr. E. Newhouse reports on the use of salt water for flushing, including the use of refuse as fuel for pumping. He says:

Sit of Destructors and Pumping Station: The site shown on plan has been chosen chiefly on account of the desirability of having the destructors as far removed as possible from the densely populated parts of the City. It forms part of the scheme of reclamation referred to on page 40 in the report on the commercial development of the Port of Hongkong by Mr. John Duncan dated the 12th December, 1924, and entails the building of a deep sea wall and reclamation. It is desirable to keep the installation within harbour limits east of Sulphur Channel, as the removal of refuse to the point is less likely to be affected by typhoons and adverse weather. The destructors are shown on part of the site nearest the harbour front to allow of rapid and cheap handling of refuse by water transport. It would probably be found economical for all refuse east of Western Market to be water-borne. From experience gained in the working of Destructor plants in several towns in England during the years 1904-1910, I am strongly of the opinion that they can be successfully operated in Hongkong, but whether they would or would not be a sound business proposition and a sanitary improvement worth the cost as compared with the present method of refuse disposal at sea, and whether the power generated could be economically used for any large Government buildings and plants other than pumping for a salt water flush system, (and I am inclined to think it can), is a matter that requires careful consideration. In the case of Government buildings generally, they are scattered all over the Colony and the current used is small, but the installation of destructors might be warranted by the demand for current, say to Eastern Filter Beds, Government Workshops, Government Offices, Law Courts, Post Office, New Fire Station, Central Police Station, etc., all of which are practically in a straight line for cables from the Power Station.

Alterations and Additions to Existing Sewers.

If the salt water flush system were made general throughout the City and the existing outfalls were used for the discharge of sewage direct into the harbour, only very small alterations and additions to small alterations and additions to existing sewers would be necessary so far as can be foreseen and these are too numerous to show on plan. They would consist chiefly of alterations and additions necessitated by the laying of salt water mains, short lengths of new scavenging lane sewers on Crown Land and new connections to sewers. It might, under a general flushing scheme be found that some of the old sewers, on reclaimed areas of the lower levels of the Western district, at present dealing satisfactorily with sewage, would require relaying.

If the system were made general throughout the City and it was considered that the existing sewer outfalls could not be used owing to harbour pollution, then the Colony must face a fairly costly scheme of drainage with modern Sewage Purification Works. I have shown on plan two suitable sites for the latter, one at Causeway Bay where a small reclamation would be required and the other adjoining the Destructor and Engine House at Kennedy Town; the treatment would be the activated sludge process, being highly efficient, requiring small land area, comparatively low cost of installation and low maintenance charges. The sewage now passing through the water front would

THE PO LEUNG KUK.

GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

The Leung Kuk Society was founded in 1878 to aid in the detection and suppression of kidnapping, especially of girls and women, and to shelter such girls and women as had been kidnapped in the interior and brought to Hongkong for sale or emigration. Its name means "Institution for the protection of good women."

The initiative in its formation came from the Chinese themselves, and ever since, by subscription and personal service, they have continued to support it.

There is a paid Chinese staff—matrons, amahs and nurses, and two clerks, who are secretaries to the managing committee. This Committee not only manages the Po Leung Kuk, but acts as an advisory committee to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. In all cases affecting women and children, and Chinese family life generally, which are often extremely difficult and tedious, it corresponds with necessary with charitable institutions and private persons in various parts of China, traces parents of lost children or ill-treated mistresses, and shelters for the night any Chinese woman or girl who chooses to go. When parents or relations cannot be traced, the Committee arranges for the girls in its care to be given in marriage (never as concubines) or in adoption; always under bond and always with the consent of this office; and in every case this office ascertains the girl's willingness before giving consent to either adoption or marriage.

In addition to the annual Committee appointed by co-option, there is a Permanent Committee, which serves to maintain continuity of policy, and of which the Secretary for Chinese Affairs is the ex-officio chairman.

The number of inmates of the Po Leung Kuk on 1st January, 1927 was 46 and during the year 502 persons were admitted as against 299 in 1926.

Twenty-seven women and girls were admitted under warrant and 400 were admitted without warrant. Of the remainder 12 were sent to charitable institutions in China, 12 were given in adoption, 1 married, 151 sent to Convent under bond, 10 died. The number of inmates remaining in the Kuk on December 31st was 39.

THE FINANCE BILL.

HOUSE ADJOURNS AFTER 16 HOURS SITTING.

London, June 27.
After a sixteen hours session, the longest sitting for two years, the House of Commons adjourned at 7.05 this morning. After protracted manoeuvring of the Churchills' opposition in committee on the Finance Bill, chiefly concentrating on the "for fastening" clause of buttons, the new duty on buttons was carried with the addition of a subsection imposing a 25 per cent duty on imported hollow ware.

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be intercepted, lifted and diverted through two intercepting sewers running east and west by air lift pumps or ejectors. Fixed in required positions which would be operated by Air Compressors through low pressure air mains from the Engine House at Kennedy Town. The power required for operating the activated sludge plant would also come from the same source though it might be found desirable in the case of the plant at Causeway Bay to provide independent power. With regard to existing drainage, a complete survey of existing conditions would be necessary to ascertain what volume of storm water at present entering the sewers must be eliminated. This, I regret, is a matter which, on account of pressure of other work, I have been unable to undertake up to the time of my departure on leave.

Mr. Newhouse discusses a scheme for a fresh water flush installation for the Middle Level Zone. He estimates the cost at \$175,000. A salt water scheme for the Low Level Zone would cost \$4,145,000.

In conclusion he says:

I would recommend, as a first step towards a general water flush scheme, the adoption of the fresh water flush in the middle level zone, where the inhabitants can be relied upon to give the necessary supervision to sanitary appliances. The cost of the scheme is small and its adoption will provide in its effect further material for pursuing the subject of harbour pollution and the planning of the salt-water flush scheme.

CHILD LABOUR.

BIG REDUCTION IN THE COLONY.

The annual report of the Inspector of Factories for 1927 states that the ordinance regulating the employment of children in factories has now been in force for five years. It was the first piece of constructive factory legislation introduced into this Colony and to the Chinese factory owners was an entirely new departure. In the earlier stages a large number of the younger children were dismissed from the factories, the owners finding it easier to dispense with child labour than to comply with the requirements of the ordinance as to hours of work, overtime and holiday.

The children so dismissed have not been replaced and it is now admitted that the absence of child labour need not affect output. In factories where children have been retained the conditions of the ordinance have been accepted without serious objection. No European firms in the Colony employ children under the age of 15 years and the total number of children employed has been reduced until at present there are not more than one hundred and fifty children under that age regularly at work in factories. This large reduction is partly accounted for by the depression in the knitting trade and cigarette factories.

The Knitting Trade.

No new beginners have been taken on during the year and many of those who have hitherto been registered under the ordinance have now outgrown the age of registration. The cigarette factories which formerly employed a large number of young girls were closed for a considerable part of the year; production has now been resumed but on a limited scale and where formerly 160 children were engaged in packing cigarettes there are now but 15 at work.

Apart from the cigarette trade the knitting factories of Kowloon are the principal employers of women and girls. Some of these have closed down during the year; others have found markets elsewhere to replace those lost and have built up a considerable export trade with Singapore and the Dutch East Indies. The trade outlook appears brighter and some firms are installing new machinery and plant in anticipation of improved trade in the near future.

The practice of engaging children to carry coal, bricks and sand up the Peak, once so common and the subject of so much comment, has almost entirely ceased. Isolated cases still occur where children are found helping their mothers but they are not now regularly employed and engaged by contractors for this work.

Factory Accidents.

The Factory (Accidents) Ordinance came into force on the 14th April last, and required factory owners to provide guards and fencing to all dangerous parts of machinery and belting and to report all accidents causing loss of life or absence from work for more than three days.

Copies of the ordinance in English and Chinese were sent to all factories with a covering note to say that the Inspector of Factories were prepared to give advice and assistance to any owners who might be in doubt as to the most effective manner of fencing their machinery. This was taken advantage of in a large number of factories and the owners were always found ready to carry out any suggestions put forward. No trouble has been met with; the factory owners agree that guards are necessary and willingly incur the expense of providing and installing fencing when asked to do so.

The number of accidents reported since the introduction of this ordinance (from 14.4.27 to 31.12.27) is shown below. It will be noted that once the machinery has been fenced the majority of accidents are due to falls and are the results of carelessness on the part of the workmen. This has been found to be the case in the United Kingdom where, in order to reduce the number of these accidents, the employers have embarked on a "safety first" campaign by means of illustrated posters in the factories. These posters soon lose their effectiveness, unless constantly changed and would probably not appeal to the Chinese mind.

Accidents in factories from April 14, 1927 to Dec. 31, 1927 were as follows:

Shipbuilding	21 (8 fatal)
Sugar Refining	7 (1 fatal)
Electric Power	
Stations	4
Oil Installations	4
Cement Factory	2
Steam Laundry	1
Gas Works	1

EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

CHARGES WITHDRAWN AGAINST A MANAGER.

The case against Chan Kung-wa, who was charged with embezzlement in two instalments of \$455.20 and \$197.55, belonging to the Swatow Drawn Work Company, of which he was Manager until the end of last year, was dropped yesterday afternoon on an application by the prosecution.

In making the application, before Major J. Wilson at the Central Magistracy, Mr. D. L. Strellett, in dealing with the wholesale business of the firm, said that the practice followed in connexion with the Australian clients was to draw D. A. Bills on these clients and then to discount the documents with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who, however, retained 30 per cent of the amount as security against these bills being honoured.

Now this balance was not returned until sometime after the instance of the bill, and it happened that in one case the balance amounting to \$197.55, was returned after the defendant had left the company. It was difficult to connect this balance with any transaction shown in the books, and finally it was discovered that it related to a transaction of which no record was kept except for one single instance.

That instance was a cheque drawn by the accused on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for the precise amount of the balance, and its effect was to equalise the figures.

Mr. Strellett suggested that the accused who had a separate business of his own, was using the firm's name to carry out a deal on his own account, and speaking from the ethical point of view, he suggested that the resultant profits belonged to the firm and were recoverable on a point of breach of contract or civil litigation.

No Criminality.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, said no criminality was involved, as what really happened was that the accused was putting through the transaction on behalf of a friend who was connected with the Australian firm with which the Swatow Drawn Work was dealing. What then followed was in the nature of a separate business transaction between the two men and, any profits, this might result belonged to them and not to the Swatow Drawn Work Company.

It was not a fact that accused used the name of the Swatow Drawn Work to ship that particular consignment to Australia. Rather, he used the same style which the Swatow Drawn Work for reasons best known to them, namely, the International Trading Company, when trading with clients in Australia.

As for the allegation of the accused being dismissed, it was not correct to say that he left the firm under those circumstances. He was offered and accepted the management of a competing firm and resigned after giving the proper notice. But before leaving, he realised that there would be difficulty in collecting the balance, which would not fall due until sometime on the discounted bill. Therefore, he drew the same amount from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, leaving the firm to be reimbursed when the time arrived. The money was paid to the friend who then left for Australia. That was the accused's way of liquidating the position and clearing up matters before he left the firm's employment.

Mr. M. K. Lo added that there was no question of criminality and he asked for the discharge of the accused from the Court without a stain on his character.

His Worship said that he would allow the case to be withdrawn as an application therefor was made by the prosecution. Defendant was discharged.

Printing Works . . . 1
Rong Works . . . 1
Rubber Factory . . . 1

Total 43

Accidents due to machinery . . . 19 (11 fatal)
Accidents due to falls, etc. . . . 24 (8 fatal)

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CHAPTER XXIX.

Hooker Raises the Veil.

It was obvious to Blayne that Christopher Hooker was a rapidly dying man. He could do little for him. It was only a question of waiting, and Blayne was assailed by a sensation of desolation.

What Hooker had told him had shaken him strangely. It was hard to think that what Hooker had said was true and yet, of course, it must be so. Hooker, the man he had always trusted; Hooker, the faithful.

"I can quite understand your wanting to know how I killed Montgomery Gaynor, sir," continued the dying man, but not without a trace of humour in his tone. Blayne thought, "because I don't quite know myself."

A look of amazement shot into Blayne's face.

"But, Hooker, you must know how it was done? What was it that made him so life-like for so long, and what was that peculiar ash I found in his firegrate?"

"I'm not interested in science, sir," said Hooker, slowly. "I don't pretend to know anything about it, sir, but before I come to that, I should like to go on with my story so that you can get the whole thing right."

"As you will, Hooker," Blayne responded.

"Well, sir, I hadn't been exactly lazy as regards the man I was determined to find. For years I searched, but the world's a big place in which to hunt for one man. But I had an idea that sooner or later he'd come to London, and that if I knew aught of the man at all, he'd come as someone of importance, for I'd heard that Gaynor had plenty of brains.

"But it wasn't until six months after I'd been demobbed that I found him. I was walking along Cheapside one afternoon when who should I see coming towards me but Montgomery Gaynor himself. At first I could scarcely believe my eyes, and I thought that perhaps I'd been mistaken. It was nearly twenty years since I'd seen him out in Calcutta, and a man can change a good deal in twenty years. But I knew I'd know him when we met. Perhaps it was instinct. I stopped him. 'You don't recollect me, I suppose,' I said. 'No,' he answered, 'I don't.' Then let me remind you, I went on quickly as I saw he was looking annoyed. 'My name is Hooker. Does that convey anything to you, Gaynor?' 'Hooker?' he repeated, stupid like, sir. 'Hooker? I'm afraid you've made a mistake, my man, and began to walk away, but I wasn't going to be put off like that. 'Not so fast, Mr. Gaynor,' I told him. 'You and I have got to have a little chinwag somewhere quiet, just to recall a certain little tragedy that happened out in Calcutta. I saw by the look in his eyes that he had remembered. He was scared. So we went into one of the A.B.C. shops and I acquainted him with the facts. I also told him what he had to do. I told him that he'd got to provide for Natalie and that I wasn't interested in his present domestic problems in the least.

"He tried to hedge me off, but I stuck to my guns. I wanted justice and made him realise it, sir. Natalie and my sister were none too well off. I mentioned that Ann's husband was killed early on, didn't I, sir? Well, I found out what Gaynor was and where his business was. I also trailed him to his house at Oaktree. In fact, I got him well weighed up before I decided how best I should act in the girl's interest, you understand. I discovered a great deal about Montgomery Gaynor, about his business, his wife and his daughter. I found that he was engaged to be married to the present Mrs. Gaynor during the time he visited India and betrayed my sister. That made up my mind, sir. I was determined to make him pay, and when I had bled him financially I would complete my revenge in some way by killing him.

"We had several interviews, and I put the matter before him quite clearly. He was exceedingly wealthy—Natalie and her aunt were poor. They must be allowed so much per year, a percentage of his prosperity was how I put it to him. At first he demurred. He quoted a thousand pounds as a first and final payment. But of course I couldn't accept that. A thousand a year—yes, or more as occasion demanded or else—Mr. Gaynor was in too good a way of business to allow a nasty scandal to pollute his reputation, and spoil his domestic bliss. Integrity was, curiously enough, a fetish with him. He was easy prey—too easy, I sometimes thought. All the payments I demanded were in cash—no cheques or anything of that sort, sir, about which awkward questions might be asked. They were, as often as not, sent direct to my bank

with an unsigned note to the effect that the amount enclosed be credited to the account of Christopher Hooker, Esquire. I suppose, sir, you would call it blackmail. But it wasn't that, sir, at all. It was simple justice. He had robbed me of my sister, and there is an old saying about the eye for the eye. I never touched a penny of that money, sir. The bulk of it now lies in a separate account in the name of Natalie Morrison, who is not aware of the fortune. Ann, my sister, was in the plot. She it was who suggested that they should take 'Red Gables,' in order to be near Gaynor, and in order, too, that I could have a meeting place for the Brotherhood and visit them there quite frequently. Sonia Gaynor, curiously enough, struck up a friendship with Natalie, and there was an exchange of photographs, but I think that Gaynor was responsible for the cooling off of the friendship latterly. Why, I do not know.

"Well, I went forward with my plan of bleeding Gaynor to death. I could see he was getting in a panic, but he hadn't the pluck to go to Scotland Yard. He was desperately afraid of the publicity, sir. I knew my man very well by now, and I hung on. I'd got my teeth in him. Then, when I found that I was hitting him up to the limit, and that there was little chance of getting any more, I decided that he must die. In spite of what I was taking from him he was still living a very pleasant and luxurious life. So I cast about me for a means to achieve my final act of revenge and one which would completely atone for the life he had taken from us. I had heard from one of the Brotherhood that a wonderful new poison had been found by native doctors on the lower slopes of the Himalayas. It was frequently used by the Sons of Zora Set for embalming certain members who died. It is a product of the henbane plant, but it has this difference. Whereas the poison in the common henbane is secreted with the sap from the stems, this poison to which I refer, sir, is produced from the roots of the eastern species.

"But that is not all, sir. This poison, while it can be used for embalming the dead, has no effect upon the living unless it is administered directly into the lungs. You will understand what I mean, sir. It is harmless when drunk and taken into the stomach, but it becomes deadly when inhaled into the lungs. I was told how difficult—nay, almost impossible—it was for western science to detect this drug, and I conceived the idea of ridding the world of Montgomery Gaynor in this way. I secured a quantity of the poison—you will find it, sir, in a little bottle on the second shelf of the medicine chest in my bedroom. It is labelled 'essence of sleep'—and laid my plans. It then occurred to me, sir, that the only way would be to write Gaynor a letter on paper which had been previously saturated with the poison and to make quite sure that he burned the letter after reading it. I prepared the paper and dried it carefully. You will excuse me, sir, but I used the little bunsen burner for the purpose in your laboratory. Then I thought out a letter of such a nature that Gaynor would be bound to burn it almost immediately. I could not risk his leaving it on his desk for a moment. So I conceived the idea of writing to him as if the letter was from Zora, whom, of course, he did not suspect was myself. I made sure he'd heard of Zora while he was out in India—almost everyone did at that time—and I said that Zora had discovered his secret, that he was a man of dishonour and that Zora would exact a just price. But I said that if he would destroy that letter before his firegrate using only one match, and if he would watch the smoke from its crumbling ashes, Zora might see fit to take it as an act of allegiance and forgive.

"You see, sir, Gaynor was a superstitious man, and well, sir, you know what happened. He must have walked back to his chair and died, and even the Home Office pathologist agreed that death was due to natural causes. I saw sir, by the newspaper accounts that Scotland Yard were trying to discover how that letter was received by Gaynor. Freda Vane once more came in useful. She handed it to him as he came from his lunch at the Lustrous Club. I think that brings me to the end, sir—the end. There's nothing more for me to tell. . . . well, sir, there's Natalie . . . well, sir, you're young. . . . a man of honour . . . she must never know—never. . . . she loved her Uncle C. . . . yes . . . loved.

Blayne grasped the thin wrist as it lay on the counterpane, but the pulse of Christopher Hooker was still.

(To Be Continued.)

EDUCATION REPORT.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF WORK IN HONGKONG.

From the annual report of the Director of Education, just out, it is discovered that in Hongkong there are 49,111 children attending schools, of whom 87,244 are in vernacular schools and 11,867 in English Schools. The figure for vernacular schools is the highest on record. After steady advance to 32,953 in 1924, there was a setback to 28,922 in 1925 and 27,186 in 1926. The increase in 1927 was some ten thousand over the 1926 figure. In English schools the attendance has not yet recovered. It was 14,930 in 1924 and fell to 10,133 in 1925.

The report goes on to say: "British Schools.—A much-needed extension was made to Kowloon Junior School by the addition of a large double-room, capable of accommodating 40 pupils, and certain other improvements to the building were carried out.

Provision was made in 1928 Estimates for a no less needed extension to the Central British School. The total number of pupils on roll at the five schools, Central British, Kowloon Junior, Peak, Quarry Bay and Victoria British, was 409. In 1926 it was 397.

English-teaching Government Schools (for other than British pupils). The total number of pupils on roll in December 1927 was 3,315, as against 2,852 in December 1926, 1,998 in December 1925 and 3,339 in December 1924. King's College.

In February King's College was taken over by the Military Authorities for use as an emergency hospital. The pupils were accommodated partly in Queen's College and partly in Ellis Kadoorie School. That the work of both these schools proceeded so smoothly and satisfactorily in spite of every difficulty is highly creditable to their Headmasters and Staffs.

At the end of the year King's College was restored to this department to be ready for the re-opening of school at the New Year. A Committee of the Board of Education was appointed to consider the question of raising the fees in these schools, and its recommendations were accepted by the Board and afterwards by the Government.

Grant Schools.—The number of these schools was reduced by the removal of one which fell short of the required standard. The remaining schools for the most part did excellent work. Statistics are given in Table IV.

Vernacular Schools.—Interest in the Government Vernacular Middle School, opened in 1926, was fully maintained. The site of the school—the old Saiyungpun School—is definitely bad but no other is at present available. Of the 5 students in the highest standard of the Middle School division, it is satisfactory to note that 4 were successful in the special final examination conducted by the Hongkong University. This Examination, which is open to other students as well as those of the Vernacular Middle School, was inaugurated this year, and it is hoped that the successful candidates may, in the event of a Department of Chinese Studies coming into being at Hongkong University, be accepted as having the qualifications necessary for admission into that Department.

The Vernacular Normal School for Women, in its quiet way, is one of the best in the Colony.

New and better quarters were found for it in Lee Garden Street, where it occupies 12 flats. With more room and an increased staff, its scope was extended to include a Third Year Normal Class. 182 pupils were on the roll, as compared with 113 in 1926 and 49 in 1925.

Urban Vernacular Schools.—The number of private urban Vernacular schools was 590 and of pupils 31,010, as against 545 and 23,102 in 1926. About one-third of these, viz. 193 schools with 12,592 pupils, received Subsidies from Government totalling \$38,100.

Rural Vernacular schools at the end of the year numbered 185 with 5,375 pupils, as against 191 and 4,890 in 1926.

More than half, viz. 101 schools with 3,462 pupils, received Subsidies from Government totalling \$12,665.

There can be no doubt about the impetus given to Vernacular schools in the last few years, and the old prejudice against ample readers and improved methods is happily fast disappearing.

Technical Institute.—The Technical Institute, designed to supply instruction in various subjects for those desiring the opportunity of evening study, was well attended.

Under "Health," the Medical Officer for Schools states:

"Tuberculosis.—No special measures are taken for the prevention of treatment of consumption in this colony. It is possible in a few schools to note regularly the weight of children who seem subnormal, and this gives some index to the general condition if

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

hand of the well-kicked clock at the bottom of the room had travelled over the circumference of an hour.

"At Christmas-time last year (1910) it occurred to the composer to call up from the past that merry dance which led to the depletion of Shepherdess Fennel's victuals. Perhaps it is the very tune to which her happy and periphrastic guests whirled round on that inclement March night nearly a century ago; perhaps it is merely the creation of the musician's fancy. What matter so long as we enjoy its straightforward and jovial strains? "Beginning with a few preliminary bars, in slow time, wind and strings playing alternately, we are soon carried away by the rapid rhythm of the dance. The quieter middle section reflects the simplicity and bonhomie of the shepherd and his wife, and affords effective relief and contrast to the prevailing mood of boisterous and careless gaiety."

Special extracts from Act 3 of "Tristan und Isolde" appear on five records in an H.M.V. Album, sung by some of the soloists who recently recorded "The Valkyrie." One really needs to have sat through the first two acts and experienced the emotional intensity of the Love Scene in order to appreciate the third act in the proper frame of mind. To one who has not heard the whole opera, the opening portion of Act 3 might not make a strong appeal, but after hearing it a few times and having become acquainted with the story (which is told briefly in the album) it would be easy for a music-lover to settle down to appreciate it in the right mood. The whole set is excellently recorded and should be bought by all Wagner enthusiasts.

Several Masterpiece Albums, re-ordered by Moutrie's, are to hand including Chopin's Preludes, Tchaikowsky's 5th Symphony, etc. There are good records by Schipa and by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra this month. Paderewski plays the Campanella, and a short Nocturne, and Horowitz, a young pianist of whom much is now heard in America, gives us his own variations on Carmen, which are a clever exhibition of fireworks; he sounds a pianist of the Rachmaninoff type.

Finally, a number of interesting records were issued by Columbia last month, including Wagner's "Song of the Rhine Daughters" and the "Ride of the Valkyrie," on two discs, the former having been recorded in the early days of electrical reproduction but only just released. A comparison between its recording and "The Valkyrie" one is all that is needed to demonstrate the progress that has been made in a couple of years, presumably by better adjustment of the microphone. Haydn's "Clock Symphony" and Dvorak's "Nigger Quartet" are other important works. Tull's Merry Pranks of Strauss is well played by the Orchestra of the Brussels Conservatoire. The tone of the piano used by Murdoch, who records almost every month for Columbia is rather "tinny," which is a pity as he seems to be their principal pianist. This time he plays Paderewski's Minuet and Mendelssohn's "Duetto." Marches' playing of a Gigue of Scarlatti is very clean and enjoyable.

Quite a number of organ records are issued, these including the Ballet Egyptian (which sounds very curious on that instrument) and several waltzes and foxtrots. Rachmaninoff's beautiful Melodie in E is rendered by W. H. Squire; although written for the piano it is well suited to the 'cello. I would recommend two real jazz piano solos by E. Mayerl, and the selection from "Lumber Love," the all-British musical play which has had a splendid reception in London.

There seems to be predisposition to tuberculosis. Here again the school nurse's visits to a few homes have been useful.

Nutrition.—From the data of inspection of over 600 town boys, and over 800 town girls in British and Government Anglo-Chinese Schools and one Grant-in-Aid School, we have made out a table of Heights and Weights, comparing by graph the various lines of development. Rather unexpectedly, British Children here are above the standard for their ages at home. Larger numbers are needed to verify these results, for it is possible that the earlier development of young adolescents, both mental and physical, gives a high standard which is not kept up. The result of each year will be interesting.

Revenue and Expenditure. The only Revenue collected by this Department comes from school fees, which amounted in 1927 to \$121,881.76 as against \$109,464.76 in 1926.

The Expenditure was \$1,091,423.21, an increase of \$131,860.12 over the previous year. These figures do not include Expenditure on School Buildings or Furniture which are debited to Public Works.

The increase was mainly due to expenditure under Building and other Grants, Personal Emoluments, and Equipment of Schools.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Concerning as it does first gun-running in the Mediterranean and then run-running off the American coast, "Twelve Miles Out," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre, contains much exciting and dramatic incident. It is the first picture of the kind in which we have seen the dashing John Gilbert and although he has a very tragic role to play he makes the most of what is intended to be the picturisation of a bloody struggle between two men who eventually shoot each other to death. But it is extremely realistic and there is some very fine photography conveying the right atmosphere of the adventurous life lived by run-runners, hijackers and the U.S. Customs service.

John Gilbert plays his part extraordinarily well—he is always the debonair rogue though perhaps a little over-concentrated where women are concerned. Ernest Torrence was well chosen for the part of "Red" McCue; he looks a bad, bold man right from the start. Joan Crawford has a difficult part to play which she accomplishes with great success.

One ought to add that the film as seen on the screen differs considerably from the story published in the programme. It begins and ends in an entirely different way.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 20
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 24	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 1	Nov. 10
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DIRECTORS' FEES.

CRITICISED AT TUG AND LIGHTER MEETING.

The fourth ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Company Limited was held yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, with Mr. R. G. Shewan in the chair.

There were present, Messrs. W. J. Carroll, C. P. Marcel and Li Tse-fong (members of the Consulting Committee), Captain R. D. Thomas (Superintendent), Mr. A. A. Botelho (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. L. Shields, A. Keith, H. Dreyer, J. Toppin, Captain W. Best, N. V. A. Croucher and H. Kew.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said: Gentlemen: As the report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The net result of our work for the twelve months ending 31st March is a loss of \$21,833.88 not including depreciation, as compared with a similar loss of \$23,668.20 for the previous year. This, of course, is a very slight improvement, but we think that when you consider the figures in detail, you will find that the position is better than it looks. The gross income from lighterage has arisen from \$48,625 last year, to \$66,660, a gain of a sum of \$18,000, but in addition to this we have instituted a Baggage and Transport Department which shows a small deficit for the short period prior to the making up of this account, but which is now paying its way besides providing employment for a large number of lighters. The prospects for this Department appear to be promising.

The fleet of tugs and lighters has been kept up to the maximum of efficiency, and it only needs a greater demand for its services to make our undertaking profitable. There is more business to be done, and we hope to obtain a larger share when the advantages are realised of shipping cargo in first-class craft with adequate protection from weather and sea damage. Negotiations Fall Through.

The only item in the accounts that I need to refer to is the loan of \$25,000 in last year's account, which has now been paid off in full with interest.

For your information, I may tell you that a suggestion was made to us by the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., to take over the whole of the Assets of this Company in exchange for shares in that Company, in the proportion of six of their shares for ten of ours.

This proposal was carefully considered by your Consulting Committee and General Managers, and declined as inadequate, in view of the independent valuation of our Fleet made on behalf of both Companies. We are still open to consider any reasonable offer for a part or whole of the Assets and have inquiries from several sources, some of which are still under consideration.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and when

this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. Li Tse Fong and carried unanimously.

Director's Fees.

At this stage, Mr. Croucher, addressing the meeting, said: It seems that our Company is run solely for the benefit of our Directors and General Managers, seeing that they are the chief item in the debit this year, the General Managers absorbing \$8,890 and the Consulting Committee \$5,000. During the past year, we paid about \$34,000 to our Directors and General Managers, and I notice there has been no depreciation on fees, etc.

My opinion is that the Directors should forego their fees. I understand some of our Directors hold only 200 shares of about \$400 market value, and in return for their services they get about \$1,000 a year, which, I think, is a great reward for so small a service.

I feel that only when our Company is on a better footing than the Directors should draw their fees again. There will be many people who would offer their services on the Board free and I think the General Managers should invite some gentlemen to offer their services.

Mr. Shewan: There are Directors and Directors! Those who are willing to serve for nothing are probably not worth anything.

Mr. Croucher: That remains to be seen. We have not had much success from the present Committee.

Mr. Shewan: What is paid to the Directors has been done according to the rules.

Mr. Croucher then remarked that the Company had borrowed money from the Bank to pay the Directors' fees.

Mr. Shewan informed the meeting that the Company was negotiating the sale of some tugs and if they should succeed that would help for some time.

Mr. Croucher's remarks were noted.

Captain Best enquired of the Chairman whether the loan of \$25,000 had really been paid off, as he saw the sum of \$16,000 in the balance sheet, to which Mr. Shewan replied that the whole amount had been paid off in full since the balance sheet was made up.

Captain Best said that as a result of enquiries which he had made from American Companies, he discovered that the reason why American companies did not employ lighters was because there were not enough men on the lighters to work and he brought the matter to the Chairman's notice.

Mr. Shewan thanked Captain Best for his information and said that the matter would be gone into in due course.

The re-election of Messrs. C. P. Marcel, W. J. Carroll and Li Tse-fong on the Consulting Committee was confirmed on the proposal of Mr. A. Keith seconded by Mr. J. Toppin.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors at a fee of \$400 per annum on the proposal of Mr. H. Dreyer, seconded by Captain Best.

BALDWIN'S LIMITED.

STILL SOME OPPOSITION TO CAPITAL REDUCTION.

London, June 27.
In addition to the General Meeting of Baldwin's Ltd. shareholders, separate meetings were held of various classes of shareholders and debenture holders. All the shareholders and 4 1/2 per cent debenture holders approved of the scheme. The meeting of the 7 1/2 per cent debenture holders, in which opposition was raised, was adjourned for a fortnight for a fuller consideration of the proposals.

A message dated 26th inst. announced that the Baldwin's Ltd. re-organisation scheme has been approved by a meeting of shareholders. Mr. Robert Horns, presiding, observed that the company's plight was largely due to its generous response to the Government's urgent requests during wartime as a result of which it extended its plant to meet national necessities. After the war a period of depressed trade followed. The reduced capital is represented by the real assets.]

PEACE PARLEYS.

MUKDEN AGAINST SUN PRINCIPLES.

Peking, June 27.
It is reported from Mukden that negotiations between Fengtien and Nanking are going on. It is understood that Mukden is willing to accept the Kuomintang flag, but Sun Yat-sen's three principles are not acceptable.

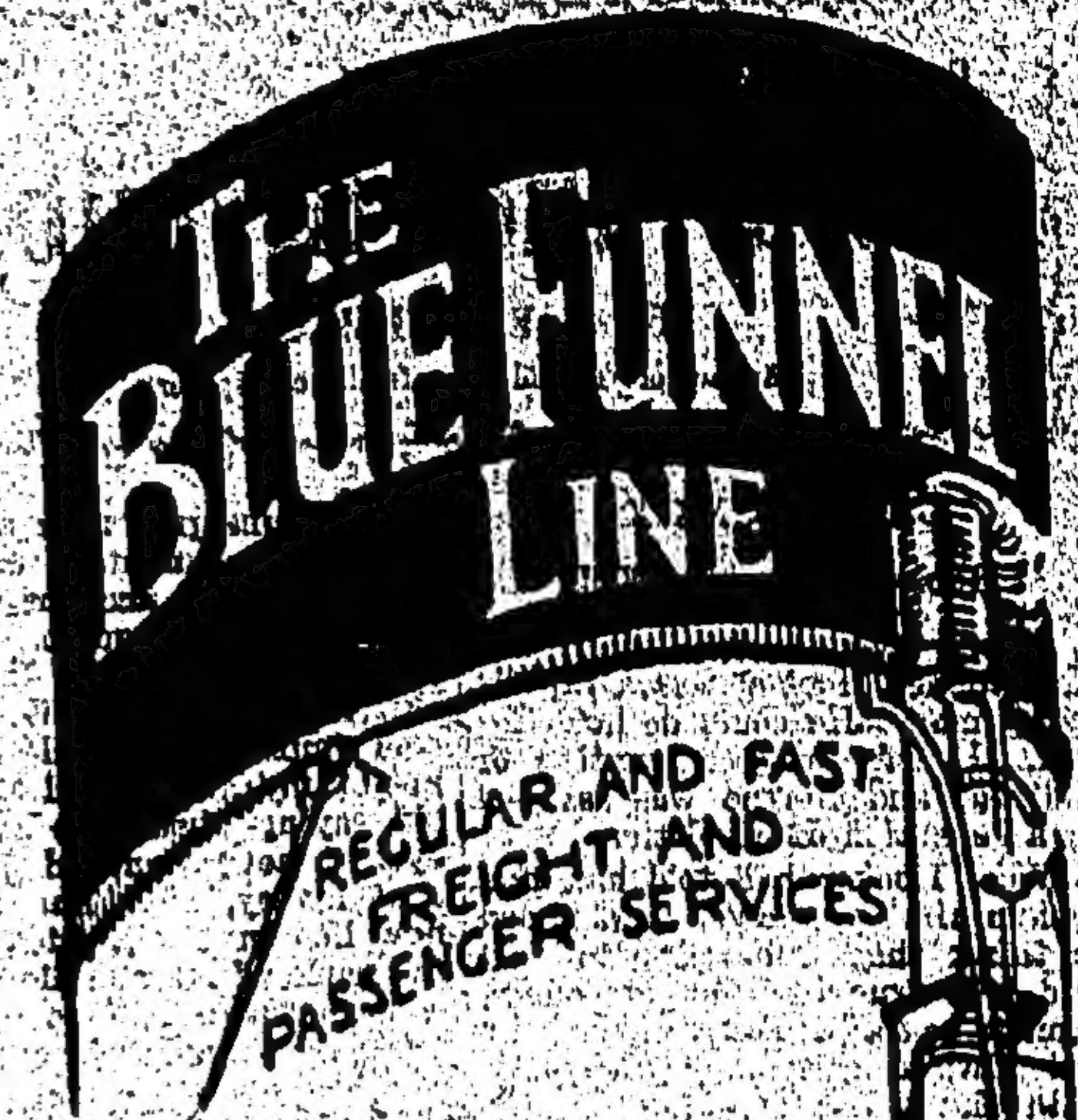
Meanwhile, Foreign activities at Luanchow indicate that they are ready to make a stand against the advances of the Nationalists. Trenches, ten miles on either side of the railway, are being constructed, while a large quantity of barbed wire is arriving at Luanchow from Mukden.

Fifteen trains containing Sun Chuan-fang's troops passed through Shanhaikuan to Chinchow.

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A reception was held on board the S.S. Greystoke Castle of the Lancashire Shipping Company yesterday, on the occasion of her first visit to the port on her maiden trip from New York and return, via the Mediterranean.

Captain R. L. Hughes, M.B.E., met the guests at the gangway and he and other officers escorted the visitors around the ship, explaining the various navigational developments and life-saving equipment. Visits to the engine room were also made under the guidance of the Chief Engineer, the landlubbers were given an insight into these things now and strange, proving the vessel a store-house of wonderful things.

Captain Hughes told a representative of the S. C. M. Post that the trip had been uneventful. She had maintained an average speed of 18½ knots throughout the voyage via the Panama Canal, and was carrying good cargoes for local ports. A fair freight was being picked up at Hongkong for ports beyond and everything was satisfactory.

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The officers of the Greystoke Castle are Captain R. L. Hughes, M.B.E., Chief Officer Everall, Second Officer Lane, Chief Engineer Chisholm, Second Engineer Fisher, with a crew of 25 Europeans and 30 Asiatics. The officers all have a long period of service with the Company.

The Ship.

The Greystoke Castle is of the following "dimensions"—Length, 425ft. b.p.; breadth moulded, 50ft.; depth moulded, 31ft. 9in.; displacement load, about 13,200 tons; and an estimated speed of about 14 knots.

She is built of mild steel, under special survey, to Lloyd's 100 A1 class and is constructed on the Isherwood combination system of framing. She has a straight stem and an elliptical stern. A cellular double bottom extends all fore and aft and is divided into numerous compartments for oil fuel or water ballast, &c., while the fore and after peaks are fitted as ballast tanks. Two complete steel decks run all fore and aft, and in addition there are forecastle, long bridge and poop decks. Five large holds are available for cargo and also five "tween decks spaces, all with extra large hatches. Two deep tanks are fitted amidship for the carriage of oil, &c. Steel derricks are provided at the masts for working the cargo, one being suitable for 30 ton lifts, 16 for 8-ton and 2 for 5-ton lifts. Powerful electric winches are installed at the masts, and special arrangements made for dealing with heavy loads. A large warping winch is electrically-driven, is fitted on the poop. A powerful electric windlass is provided on the forecastle deck, the motor being installed on the deck below. Electro-hydraulic steering gear is fitted in a house aft and is controlled by telemotor gear from the navigating bridge forward, and by rods and gearing from the docking bridge aft.

Accommodation for officers and engineers is provided in separate houses on the bridge deck, the cabins being well fitted with all modern comforts.

State Rooms.

The captain's rooms, six state rooms and a smoking room are situated on the lower bridge immediately above the officers' accommodation, while the wireless operators' and W/T instrument room are on the navigating bridge immediately aft of the chart room. Accommodation for P.O.'s and

crew is provided in the poop. It is fitted in the most modern manner, complete with separate mess-rooms, &c. A hospital for the crew is arranged in a house on the poop deck; also a crew's galley. The officers' galley is at the forward end of the engine casing on the bridge deck and is complete with range, dressers, troughs and all necessary utensils. Six staterooms are provided for passengers; they are tastefully decorated and upholstered in good style. The dining saloon is in a house at the forward end of the bridge deck and has seating accommodation for 16 persons.

Electric light is installed throughout the ship, the current being provided by four Diesel-driven dynamos situated in the engine-room, the voltage being 220 D.C. and the wiring on the double-wire system.

Engines and Machinery.

The two main engines are four-stroke cycle, single-acting, scavenged Diesels of the Wipac type, and have been supplied by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. They are of improved design, each engine having six cylinders of 750 mm. diameter by 1,500 mm. stroke.

The electrical power for the vessel's auxiliaries, lighting, &c., is provided by four auxiliary Diesel engines, made by Messrs. W. H. Allen, Sons and Co., Ltd.

The other auxiliaries of a well-equipped engine-room consist of a cooling water pump and a ballast pump, both of the vertical centrifugal type; a lubrication oil pump; and oil fuel transfer pump, a general service pump and emergency oil fuel transfer pump, auxiliary and emergency air compressors and three oil purifiers. All these auxiliaries are electrically driven with the exception of the emergency air fuel transfer pump, the emergency air compressor and two feed pumps, which are driven by steam at 135 lbs. per square inch supplied from an unusually large Cochran boiler fired by oil fuel plant of the low-pressure type.

At the launching, which took place at Birkenhead on December 9 last year, the Chairman, in proposing "Success to the Greystoke Castle," said she was the third Greystoke Castle owned by the Lancashire Shipping Co. The first was a sailing ship built in the early days of Messrs. Chambers' business, about 65 years ago. Messrs. Chambers were established in the year 1865, and a Greystoke Castle, the first of that name, was built about that time. Later on, the company built a steamer, the second Greystoke Castle, and she was sold, he believed, about 1906. She was about 6,000 tons, and the third Greystoke Castle was about 9,000 tons, so that Messrs. Chambers had been developing all the time. They started with a sailing ship, then a cargo steamer, and now they were building the real Greystoke Castle, which was a supercargo vessel. She was designed by the brains of all the Chambers' class, and she was something better than they had ever produced, and he believed, looking at her beautifully fine bows and lines, that Messrs. Chambers had a vessel second to none as a cargo ship. She was a very fast ship, as she was designed to do 14 knots, and she had Diesel engines which had been manufactured by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. The engines were of the Wipac type, for Messrs. Chambers had wonderful faith in that type of engines owing to the results they had had in a previous ship, and they felt sure that with Cammell Laird's fine ship and Mr. Summers' Hunter's fine engines and all the thought and study the owners had put into the ship, they, as builders, had produced something really good.

The Prince of Wales, as colonel of the Welsh Guards, and the Duke of Connaught, representing the King, attended the final dress rehearsal of the troupe of the colour, in honour of the King's birthday.

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OLD GUARDSMEN.

ASSOCIATION FOR HONGKONG
FORMED.

A meeting for the formation of a Guards Association of Hongkong and South China was held at Messrs. Lane Crawford's Restaurant yesterday evening, with Major E. C. T. Warner, D. S. O., M. C., officer commanding the Scots Guards in Hongkong, presiding. The Chairman was supported by Major Wynne Finch, M. C., Scots Guards, Mr. D. L. King, Acting Chief Detective Inspector Lane, Lieut. Quarter Master Pyper, K. O. S. B., and Mr. J. W. Wells and several others.

The Chairman read a letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who is the Senior Colonel of the Brigade of Guards, in which His Highness said that he was interested to hear that an Old Guards' Association was being formed in Hongkong, and intimated that he desired to hear of its progress. He had great sympathy with the proposal and wished the association every success.

Major Warner then outlined the objects of the Association. He said that was being formed to maintain the spirit of comradeship among Guardsmen; to assist Guardsmen to the East; to organise recreation for Guardsmen and to keep in touch with the Brigade of Guards.

With regard to the advantages, the Chairman said that every Guardsman wished to keep in touch with his old regiment and an association of this kind would help in that respect, also members of a Guards Association on visiting England on home leave would be heartily welcomed on production of their membership cards.

The Chairman suggested that members should purchase the Household Brigade Magazine in which was contained information of the Associations throughout the Empire.

It was decided that the associations be formed and named the Guards Association of Hongkong and South China.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. D. L. King; Secretary, Inspector Lane; Treasurer, Lieut. Quarter Master Pyper; Committee, Mr. J. W. Wells and Police Sergeant O'Connor.

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Later.

Captain Courtney has returned owing to mechanical trouble.—*Reuter.*

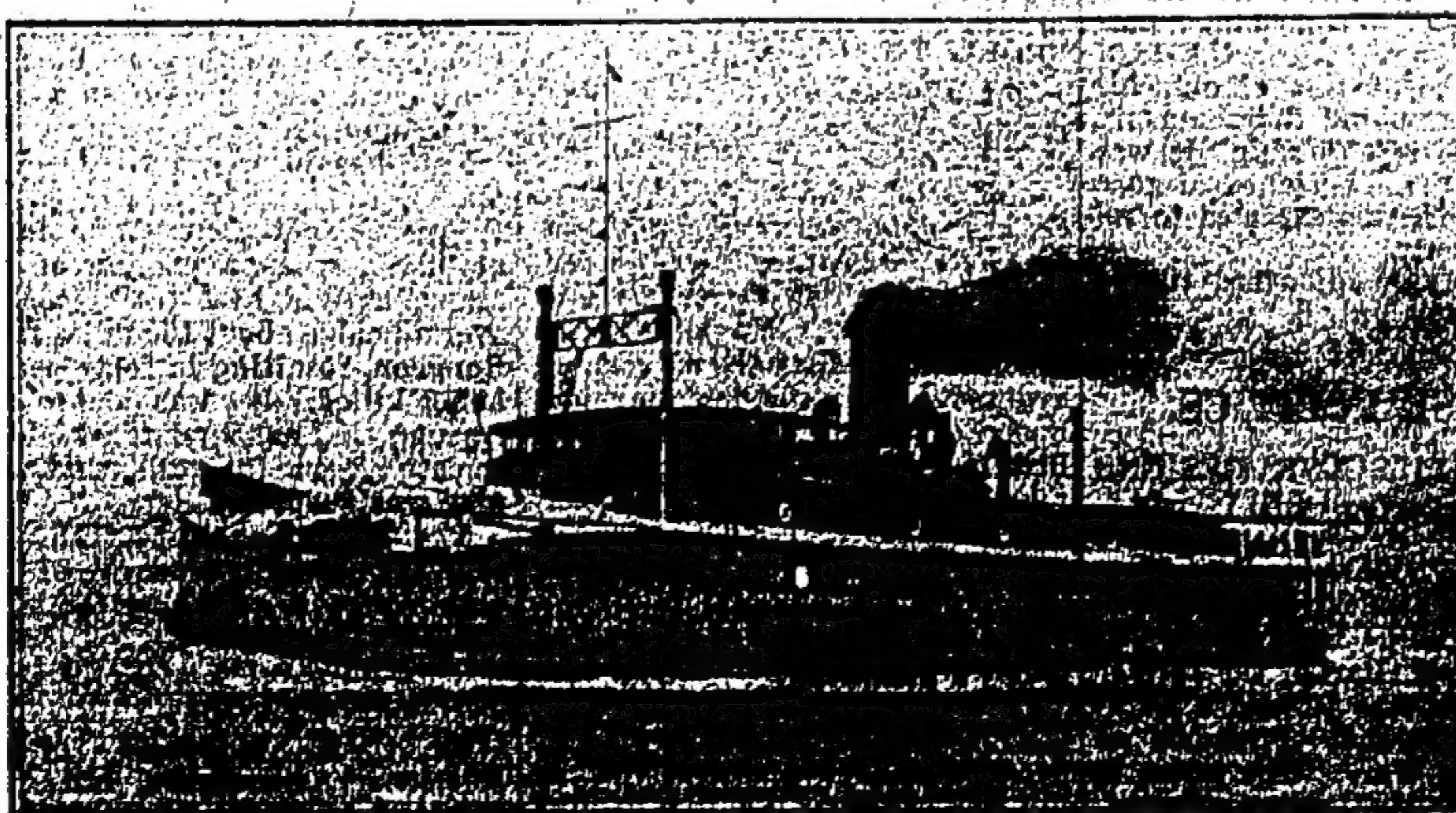
[The British airman, Captain Courtney, accompanied by an engineer, a wireless operator and a passenger, left Fieschi, Italy, for Lisbon on the first stage of a two-way trans-Atlantic flight in a Dornier-Napier flyingboat. The craft is equipped with a wireless direction finder and complete apparatus, and transmitting apparatus. He proceeds via the Azores and returns directly from Canada to England on a non-stop flight. Captain Courtney reached Lisbon on the 13th inst.]

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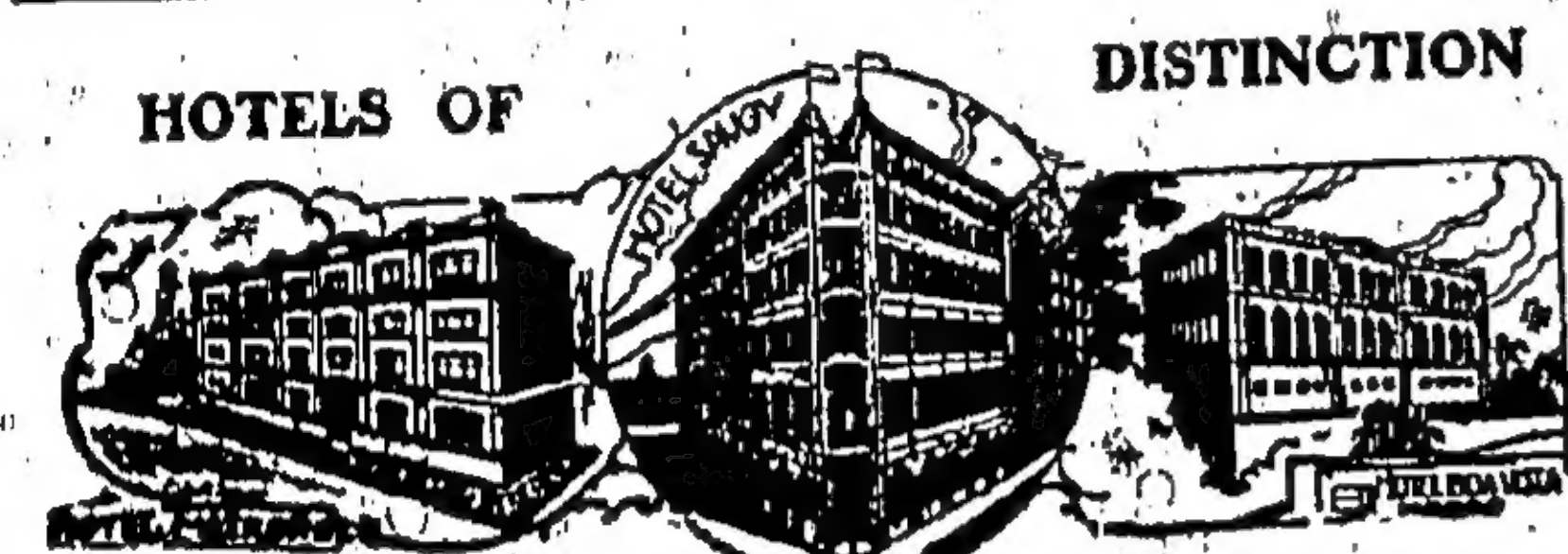
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SEQUEL TO "TEAN" PIRACY.

MOVE TO PREVENT SUSPECT'S DEPORTATION.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

From a seamen's boarding house in Des Voeux Road West, the police recently took into custody three men who were thought to be implicated in the Tean piracy.

Following representations from the Magistrate of the Po On district of Kwangtung, giving the antecedents of the arrested men, and also as a result of the lack of evidence to substantiate the allegations, two of the prisoners were released, but the third man, against whom there was the much more serious accusation that he was the Pirate Chief, was retained.

He was still in custody when further communications were received from the Po On Magistrate to the authorities here, these being to the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and the Senior Magistrate who issued the warrant of arrest. In these letters the Chinese Magistrate vouched for the bona fides of the arrested man, who, it would appear from the former's statement, had been given a commission to reorganise a Chinese Police Force prior to his arrest in Hongkong.

Matters progressed a further step yesterday, when, it being understood that the authorities were contemplating the deportation of the man as an undesirable, legal representatives interviewed the authorities. They made their representations under Section 4, Sub-Section 19, of the Deportation Ordinance, in a plea that the prisoner should be admitted to bail, while the legal position is being reconsidered.

It is understood that the bail applied for was granted, and that the man was released thereon to-day.

COMPLAINT AGAINST MILITARY.

"DOG-IN-THE MANGER" POLICY REGARDING LAND.

A charge of playing baseball in Hanoi Road was brought against a young Portuguese, Carlos Remedios, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant pleaded guilty, but pointed out to Mr. Schofield, that although there were vacant plots of ground in the vicinity nobody was allowed to play in these fields.

Sergeant Ellis agreed that in Cameron Road there was a vacant piece of ground formerly occupied by the Royal Air Force and that children were not permitted to use this. Similar orders were in force in respect of the land used by the military in Chatham Road.

His Worship told defendant he was not allowed to play baseball in the streets and discharged him with a caution.

SERIOUS WATER CASE ADJOURNED.

DEFENDANT ABSENT IN CANTON.

Mr. Chan Sal-man residing at No. 181, Kowloon Tong was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield this morning for that he did "alter the Public Works Department Water Works" inside service by connecting the service pipe supplying filtered water to Kowloon Tong residents to the pipe supply unfiltered water to the flushing tanks and using filtered water of the P. W. D. Water Works inside service for flushing purposes.

The defendant was absent, his secretary answering the summons. In reply to his Worship it was stated that the defendant had gone to Canton and was expected to return to-morrow.

The case was adjourned till 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6.

POLISH POLITICS.

MARSHAL PILSUDSKI RESIGNS PREMIERSHIP.

Warsaw, June 27.
Marshal Pilsudski has resigned the Premiership for reasons of health, and M. Bartel, the former Vice-Premier, has formed a Cabinet, with Marshal Pilsudski as Minister for War. The latter is taking a two months' cure abroad. The country was startled on the 22nd instant by the abrupt prorogation of Parliament, the Opposition Press explaining that the prorogation was due to uncertainty whether the Government Party would unanimously support various Government Bills which were pending. The Budget, however, was just passed before the prorogation.—*Reuter*.

WOMAN ATLANTIC FLIER.



The first picture of Miss Amelia Earhart, the American woman pilot, who became world-famous a few days ago as the first woman to fly across the Atlantic in the history of aviation.

FEWER INCIDENTS ON BORDER.

KIDNAPPING ON THE INCREASE.

In his report for last year, the District Officer for the Northern District of the New Territories says prompt police action is investigating offences committed near the Northern frontier, together with a continuous patrol of the approaches to British Chateau-look have reduced "border outrages" to a negligible minimum.

An unfortunate result of the troubled conditions across the frontier is the increased number of fraudulent marriages and adoptions, which in some cases amount to kidnapping, to and even from the Territory, and of which a few only come to light.

Cases of damage to trees centred round Sheung Shui and Tsung Pak Long, and were mainly the result of attempts to discourage depositions on the very tempting forestry reserves in that neighbourhood.

NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET FORMED.

OXFORD GRADUATE AS LEADER OF GOVERNMENT.

Cairo, June 27.
A new Cabinet has been formed by Mohammed Mahmoud, who is the vice-President of the Liberal Party.

The new Premier has retained Admed Kashaba as Minister of Justice; Gasta Wall as Minister of War and Marine, and Ibrahim Fahmy as Minister of Public Works. All three are members of the Wafdist Party.

The newcomers in the Cabinet include Adly Maher as Minister of Finance. Mahmoud, who was educated at Oxford, was formerly a strong Wafdist himself, and was interned by the British Government at Malta in 1919. He joined the Liberals in 1922 as the outcome of a quarrel with the late Zaghloul Pasha over the latter's attitude to Britain.—*Reuter*.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. (a) \$4,855; (b) \$5,976; (c) 477. 2. World. 3. (a) The James O'Connell. (b) Lord Lister. 4. A New Zealand Harrier, known as the Spitfire, it has attained with a speed of 340 m.p.h. and a maximum altitude of 40,000 ft. 5. (a) Professor Sir J. J. Thomson. (b) The Waverley. 6. The Humber Corps Act, 1919. 7. An aviator. 8. A seaplane. 9. A seaplane. 10. A seaplane. 11. A seaplane. 12. A seaplane. 13. A seaplane. 14. A seaplane. 15. A seaplane. 16. A seaplane. 17. A seaplane. 18. A seaplane. 19. A seaplane. 20. A seaplane. 21. A seaplane. 22. A seaplane. 23. A seaplane. 24. A seaplane. 25. A seaplane. 26. A seaplane. 27. A seaplane. 28. A seaplane. 29. A seaplane. 30. A seaplane. 31. A seaplane. 32. A seaplane. 33. A seaplane. 34. A seaplane. 35. A seaplane. 36. A seaplane. 37. A seaplane. 38. A seaplane. 39. A seaplane. 40. A seaplane. 41. A seaplane. 42. A seaplane. 43. A seaplane. 44. A seaplane. 45. A seaplane. 46. A seaplane. 47. A seaplane. 48. A seaplane. 49. A seaplane. 50. A seaplane. 51. A seaplane. 52. A seaplane. 53. A seaplane. 54. A seaplane. 55. A seaplane. 56. A seaplane. 57. A seaplane. 58. A seaplane. 59. A seaplane. 60. A seaplane. 61. A seaplane. 62. A seaplane. 63. A seaplane. 64. A seaplane. 65. A seaplane. 66. A seaplane. 67. A seaplane. 68. A seaplane. 69. A seaplane. 70. A seaplane. 71. A seaplane. 72. A seaplane. 73. A seaplane. 74. A seaplane. 75. A seaplane. 76. A seaplane. 77. A seaplane. 78. A seaplane. 79. A seaplane. 80. A seaplane. 81. A seaplane. 82. A seaplane. 83. A seaplane. 84. A seaplane. 85. A seaplane. 86. A seaplane. 87. A seaplane. 88. A seaplane. 89. A seaplane. 90. A seaplane. 91. A seaplane. 92. A seaplane. 93. A seaplane. 94. A seaplane. 95. A seaplane. 96. A seaplane. 97. A seaplane. 98. A seaplane. 99. A seaplane. 100. A seaplane.

WIRELESS MERGER SECRECY.

MARCONI & EASTERN CABLE SHARES APPRECIATE.

DOMINIONS ATTITUDE.

London, June 27.

The utmost secrecy is being maintained in reference to the progress in the merger between the wireless and cable companies, and hitherto, authoritative information has not been available, notwithstanding the appreciation of Marconi and Eastern Extension shares on the Stock Exchange.

Enquiries made by *Reuter* reveal that the Imperial Wireless Conference has not discussed the merger in any way, although it is believed that a draft report was circulated to the members of the Conference in the middle of May.

The attitude in Britain and in the majority of the Dominions towards the merger is most probably a favourable one, especially by those involved in heavy commitments in Cables.

This attitude is, however, subject to the merger's financial arrangements being considered sound, in which connexion there is some uncertainty in the absence of precise information.

At present it appears that the only dissentient voice is likely to be South Africa, whose attitude presumably has not undergone a change since Mr. W. B. Madoley, the South Africa Minister of Posts, announced opposition to the merger.

In the House of Commons, in reply to a question, Mr. Stanley Baldwin expressed the hope that it would not be long before the report of the Wireless and Cable Conference was received.—*Reuter*.

Agreement Reached?

Later.
The *Financial Times* has reason to believe that an agreement has been reached to-day between the Government, Marconi's and the Cable companies for merging the services.—*Reuter*.

CHINA SITUATION REVIEWED.

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at midnight on the 21st, took over the post of Chief Military Commander at Mukden.

Apart from this there had been no striking change in the political situation in Manchuria. He was not aware, as suggested by Members, that there existed any threat to British commercial interests in Manchuria.

Optimistic Questioner.

When the Government was invited to state when it proposed to withdraw British troops from China, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans rose in reply. He stated that besides the normal establishment there were seven infantry battalions and ancillary troops now in China, but he thought the questioner was a little optimistic in urging that conditions had recently improved as a reason why withdrawal should be accelerated.—*Reuter and British Wireless*.

BURMAH RAILWAY SMASH.

DEATH SENTENCE AGAINST INDIAN QUASHED.

Rangoon, June 27.
The conviction and death sentence on the Indian, named Kali, in connexion with the Burmah railway accident have been quashed on appeal.

Kali has been acquitted.—*Reuter*.

The accident occurred on January 28th, when a portion of the Mandalay-Rangoon train crashed over a bridge about 100 miles from Rangoon, resulting in forty people being killed. It was later discovered that a fish-plate had been removed from the rails, and foul play was suspected.

The charge against Kali was that of pulling up a length of rail with a view to wrecking the train and causing death.

Mr. C. M. McDonald, of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., was operated on at the Peak Hospital this morning for appendicitis. His many friends will be glad to hear that his condition is satisfactory.

Viscount and Viscountess Alenby and Lord Leigh were among distinguished visitors present at a garden party held at the London Mosque, Southfields, in celebration of the Moslem Festival of Eidul Azha.

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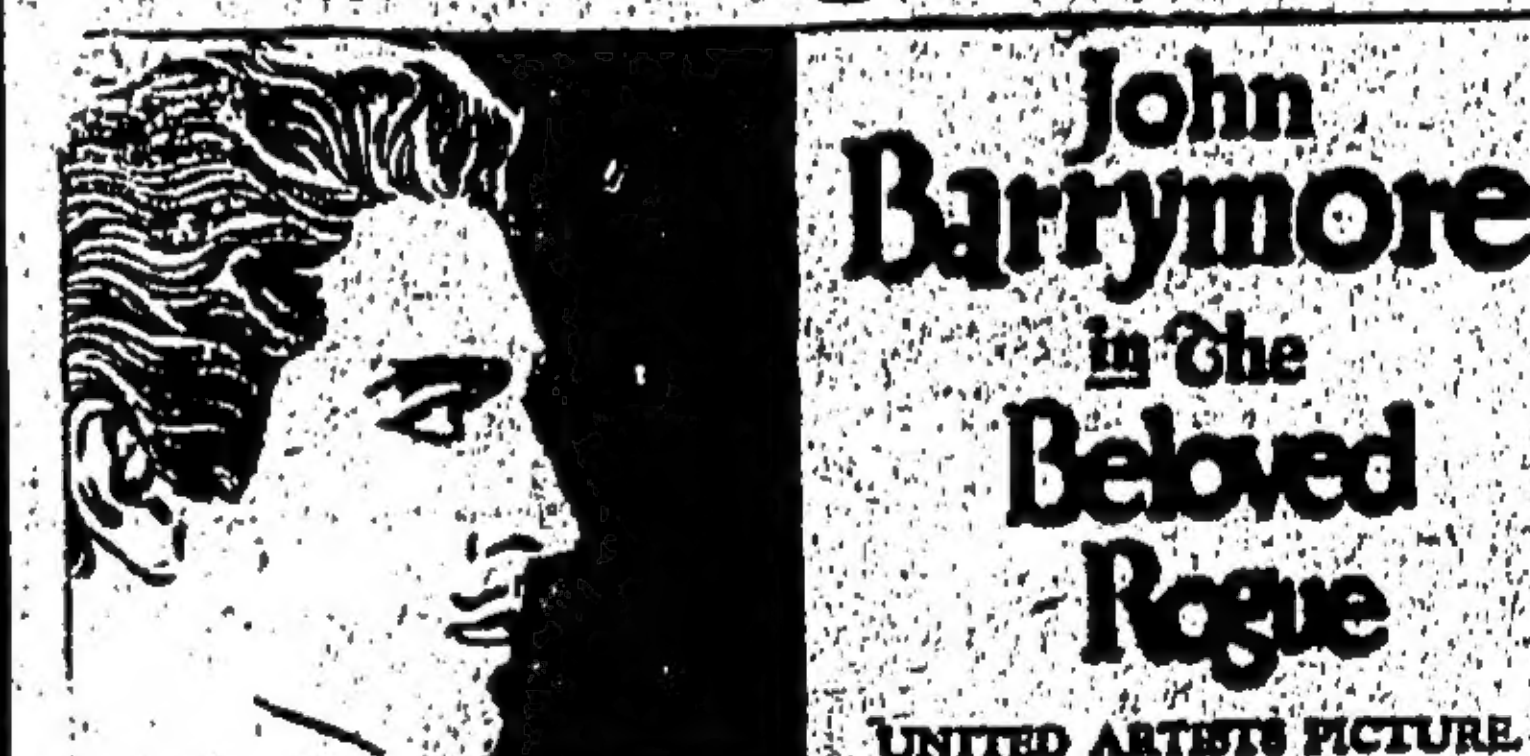
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